GENERAL BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Saturday, October 23

The business session of the Society was called to order by President Charles E. Sears at 9:30 a.m., in the Mirror Room at the Marion Hotel.

Report of the House of Delegates

The secretary presented the following report of the actions of the House of Delegates:

GENERAL ACTIONS

1. Expressed its appreciation of the valuable work performed to date by the Committee on the Study of Contract Practice and voted to continue this committee under the title of the Committee on Medical Economies.

2. Voted that a mid-year meeting of the House of Delegates be held, the dates to be fixed by the Council.

3. Voted to authorize the Council to employ a special investigator and legal counsel to apprehend and prosecute any persons who may be practicing medicine or surgery without a license.

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Resolutions Adopted

Fifteen resolutions which had been adopted by the House of Delegates were read (page 446 of this issue).

Elections by the House of Delegates

Members of Committee on Publication for three-year term ending in 1940, E. H. McLean, Oregon City.

MORRIS L. BRIDGEMAN,
Secretary

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that this report be accepted and that the actions of the House of Delegates contained therein be approved.

Election of Officers

The recommendations of the House of Delegates for the various offices of the Society were read as appear on page 447 of this issue.

President Sears called for further nominations for each of the above offices. None being made, on motion duly

made and seconded, it was voted that the rules be suspended and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for each nominee as presented in the report. Then each was declared elected.

Committee on Necrology

The secretary read the names of the following physicians who died during the past year:

*L. A. Bollman, of Dallas, died Oct. 2, 1936
*Russell C. Keizer, of North Bend, died Nov. 4, 1936
James H. Thompson, of Enterprise, died Nov. 20, 1936
*Daniel O. Webster, of Portland, died Nov. 29, 1936
John S. Worchester, of Portland, died Dec. 6, 1936
*L. L. Hoy, of Tillamook, died Dec. 25, 1936
*Edward O. Parker, of Pendleton, died Jan. 21, 1937
*Harold Bunce Myers, of Portland, died March 16, 1937
*Thomas Wynne Watts, of Portland, died March 26, 1937
Alvin B. Stone, of The Dalles, died March 20, 1937
*J. L. Elwood, of Maupin, died April 6, 1937
Everett Mingus, of Marshfield, died April 22, 1937
James Erman Bridgewater, Albany, died April 28, 1937
*Joseph Malcolm Short, of Portland, died April 30, 1937
*Isadore Henry Cramer, of Portland, died, May 2, 1937
Osmar K. Wolf, of Marshfield, died May 9, 1937
Lola A. Johnson, of Portland, died May 27, 1937
Junius B. Wright, of Portland, died June 20, 1937
*Frank S. Post, of Portland, died July 12, 1937
*Francis G. Swedenburg, of Ashland, died July 31, 1937
W. G. Cole, of Cornelius, died Aug. 3, 1937

A. C. Kinney, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, spoke briefly calling attention to the short longevity of

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(According to this exhibit, Morris L. Bridgeman was Chairman of the Committee on Scientific work of O.S.M.S., William T. Johnson was Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy, W. F. Hollenbeck was Chairman of the Committee on Medical Education and Hospitals, Fred N. Miller was Chairman on Public Education, S. G. Henricke was Chairman of the Committee on Clinic and Institutional Medical Care, Raymond E. Watkins was Chairman of the Committee on Maternal Welfare, Charles E. Sears was

* Member Oregon State Medical Society

Chairman of the Liaison Committee to the Woman's Auxiliary, Archie C. Van Cleve was Chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Frank E. Butler was Chairman of the Committee on Medical Defense, Goodrich C. Schouffler was Chairman of the Committee on Publication, Charles E. Hunt was Chairman of the Reference Committee Executive Session, C. O. Sturdevant was Chairman of the Committee on New Business, Thomas E. Griffith was Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.)

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Friday, September 6

The House of Delegates was called to order by President Charles E. Hunt at 7:30 a. m. in the Palm Room of the Osburn Hotel.

On roll-call the following members of the Council were present:

Charles E. Hunt, President; Charles E. Sears, Past-President; George E. Henton, First Vice-President; Morris L. Bridgeman, Secretary; J. E. Buckley, Treasurer; Councilors L. M. Spalding and L. S. Kent; John H. Fritzgibbon, Delegate to the American Medical Association, and Ralph A. Fenton, Trustee to the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present:

N. L. Tartar of Corvallis, Benton County Medical Society; E. H. McLean of Oregon City, Clackamas County Medical Society; Allen M. Boyden of Astoria, Clatsop County Medical Society; J. C. Vandevert of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; Donald M. Long of Marshfield, Coos and Curry County Medical Society; A. E. Dodson of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; George I. Wright of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; Carl H. Phetteplace and Ronald C. Romig of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; M. M. Woodworth of Albany, Linn County Medical Society; W. J. Weese of On-

tario, Malheur County Medical Society; Richard B. Adams, Carl G. Ashley, A. G. Bettman, John H. Besson, F. H. Dammasch, Aubrey M. Davis, Warren W. Hale, Frank R. Mount, W. F. Patrick, Roy A. Payne, John Raaf, D. S. Swart, and Charles P. Wilson of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; Stanley E. Wells of Hood River, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; Burton A. Myers and C. W. Emmons of Salem, Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical Society, and J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society.

R. J. Pilkington of Astoria, Leslie G. Johnson of Marshfield, R. W. Christiansen of Redmond, J. C. Hayes of Medford, E. L. Zimmerman of Eugene, Thompson Coberth of The Dalles, C. L. Booth, Wendell H. Hutchens, Wilson Johnston, Bradford N. Pease and Joseph A. Pettit of Portland, H. J. Clements of Salem, Clarence A. Smith of Seattle, editor of NORTHWEST MEDICINE; W. B. Penney of Tacoma, retiring president of Washington State Medical Association, the executive secretary, and the assistant to the executive secretary were also present.

Morris L. Bridgeman, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that in the absence of certain regularly elected delegates from the Multnomah County Medical Society, Wilson Johnston of Portland was present and eligible to be seated. Dr. Johnston was seated by vote of the House.

Report of Delegate to A.M.A.

John H. Fitzgibbon presented an extensive verbal report of actions taken by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association at the 1940 meeting in New York.

He stated that the threat of war dominated the atmosphere at the meeting and that, therefore, the main actions taken related to preparedness. He called special attention to the action of the House in authorizing the Board of Trustees to create a Committee on Medical Preparedness.

Dr. Fitzgibbon stated that the President of the Association, in his address to the House, pointed out two significant facts: First, that, in spite of the recent attacks upon the Association, its membership increased by 3,171 during the year ending March 1, 1940; and, second, the astounding ignorance among the medical profession concerning the activities of the Association. He suggested that each local society consider setting aside one meeting each year to be devoted to a discussion of the work of the American Medical Association and the Oregon State Medical Society.

Dr. Fitzgibbon reported that the Council of the Society had adopted the following resolution concerning certain objectionable practices of insurance companies and had requested him to submit it to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING CERTAIN OBJECTIONABLE PRACTICES OF INSURANCE COMPANIES (Adopted by the Council on June 1, 1940):

Whereas: Certain insurance companies which write medical indemnity insurance, or medical expense insurance, or health and accident insurance, or insurance providing for compensation and medical aid benefits to workmen injured in the course of their employment, have established the practice of demanding from physicians reports of diagnosis and treatment without the authorization of the assured; and

Whereas: Many of these companies also attempt to fix the fee for the physicians' services, and often attempt to apply the fee schedule of the state agency administering the workmen's compensation law, even though the physician has no contractual or other relationship with the insurance company involved; and

Whereas: The fee schedules of the agencies administering the various workmen's compensation laws have been established in cooperation with representatives of the medical profession and are based upon a generous discount from customary fees offered by the medical profession to a non-profit state agency as a gratuitous contribution to the welfare of their state and community; and

Whereas: There is no justification for commercial organizations operating for profit to apply such fee schedules in order to make a profit for themselves; and

Whereas: These practices are not confined to Oregon, but are national in their scope; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Council of the Oregon State Medical Society:

1. That the practices of such insurance companies in demanding from physicians reports of diagnosis and treatment without the authorization of the assured, and in so fixing the fee for the physicians' services, even though the physician has no contractual or other relationship with the

company involved, are hereby declared to be contrary to the best interests of the public and the medical profession.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the American Medical Association, for the attention of the House of Delegates of that Association.

3. That the delegate from Oregon to the coming convention of the House of Delegates of that Association be furnished with a copy of this resolution, and that he be asked to have this matter brought to the attention of said House of Delegates.

Dr. Fitzgibbon read the following statement concerning the subject-matter of this resolution which was recommended to the House by its Reference Committee on Executive Session, and adopted by the House:

"Recognizing the problems arising from the conditions set forth in this resolution and recognizing injustices connected therewith, your reference committee recommends that the House of Delegates go on record as disapproving practices by insurance companies tending to bind the profession to accept voluntarily fee schedules adopted for the purpose of providing medical service insurance to groups of limited income or fee schedules accepted from the operations of workmen's compensation acts."

Dr. Fitzgibbon reported that the Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws dissented from the conclusion of the Judicial Council that the Principles of Medical Ethics be not rearranged and reworded and that the Committee recommended that a committee be appointed for this purpose. The House rejected this recommendation, thus indicating its belief that the Principles of Medical Ethics should remain unchanged.

The Judicial Council called attention to the great divergence of qualifications for membership in compo-
4386 nent county and constituent state associations and that the Judicial Council recommended "that only Doctors of Medicine, licensed to practice medicine and whose licenses are registered in the county or state in which they make application, be accepted for full membership in the American Medical Association."

Dr. Fitzgibbon called attention to the recent deaths of Drs. Austin A. Hayden of Chicago and Charles B. Wright of Minneapolis, who served for many years on various bodies of the American Medical Association at great per-

sonal sacrifice, and recommended that the Committee on Resolutions prepare suitable resolutions concerning their deaths.

President Hunt introduced Mrs. James M. Odell, President of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Odell introduced Mrs. V. E. Holcombe of Charleston, West Virginia, and Mrs. Roscoe E. Mosiman of Seattle, President and President-Elect, respectively, of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association.

Mrs. Holcombe spoke briefly, extending greetings to the Oregon State Medical Society from the National Auxiliary.

President Hunt called attention to the presence of Ralph A. Fenton and pointed out that he had again been elected a Trustee of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Fenton spoke briefly concerning the program of medical preparedness of the American Medical Association and to the questionnaire sent to all physicians to develop information so that, in a national emergency, physicians may be called upon for the services they are best equipped to render. He pointed out that Reserve Officers in the lower age group should make arrangements for the care of their practices, as they will be needed for the care of troops and men in training who will shortly be called for service. Dr. Fenton stated that the major effort of the Board of Trustees during the coming year will be to assist in the defense program of the United States in every possible way.

President Hunt read a letter in which it was stated that there are vacancies in the medical personnel of the Oregon National Guard.

Bureau of Medical Economics

History

At the 1938 Session, the House of Delegates adopted a Policy and Program for the Medical Care of Low-Wage Industrial Groups which provided for the establishment of the Bureau of Medical Economics. The organization of the Bureau was retarded by the prolonged delay in making certain adjustments in Lane and Multnomah Counties which necessarily preceded the approval of local plans for the medical care of low-wage industrial groups by the respective component societies in these counties. A plan for coordinating the two local organizations operating in the first of these counties was approved by Lane County Medical Society in May, 1939, and Multnomah Medical Service Bureau was approved by Multnomah County Medical So-

ciety in June, 1939. Both of these local plans were subsequently approved by the Council of Oregon State Medical Society and the sponsoring organizations became affiliated with the Bureau of Medical Economics.

In December, 1939, the Council approved a budget of $4,850 to cover the cost of the necessary personnel and facilities to discharge the functions of the Bureau as defined by the House of Delegates. The Council voted that these funds be raised by a contribution by each approved local organization based upon the payment of $5 for each of its affiliated physicians, provided each is a member of Oregon State Medical Society, or otherwise the approved local organization to make a contribution based on ½ of 1 per cent of its gross income for 1939, Oregon State Medical Society to make a contribution of not to exceed 50 per cent of the total budget.

The Council concluded that an individual with experience in connection with professionally controlled plans of prepaid medical care should be employed as an assistant to the executive secretary to act as an administrative officer for the Bureau. After careful consideration of a number of applicants, the Council selected Mr. John R. Caughell, who had been associated for several years with the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital Association of Salem, to serve in this capacity. Coincident with the employment of Mr. Caughell, the Council authorized the appointment of an advisory committee to supervise his activities, in order that they be carried on in consonance with the declared policies of the House of Delegates and the Council. Mr. Caughell undertook his duties on February 1, 1940.

Field Work

Since his employment on February 1, the assistant to the executive secretary has traveled 16,193 miles in visiting the officers of component medical societies, approved medical service bureaus, and individual members of the Society in twenty-eight of the thirty-six counties of the State. The purpose of these visits was to acquaint the local medical profession with the program of the Society and to offer its assistance in dealing with local problems.

Formulation of Policies

For the guidance of component medical societies and approved medical service bureaus, the Bureau issued a statement, entitled "Recommended Policies and Procedures for Providing Medical Care to Low-Wage Industrial Groups."

Services to Approved Medical Service Bureaus

One of the primary functions of the Bureau of Medical Economics is to act in an advisory capacity in connection with plans of prepaid medical care offered by the component medical societies through approved medical service bureaus.

In discharging this function during the past year, the Bureau was instrumental in assisting to effect a reorganization of the Coos Bay Hospital Association so that every member of the local medical society could participate on an equal basis.

The Bureau also developed a fee schedule to be applied in providing services to subscribers of approved medical service bureaus when they are away from their home communities. This schedule was sent to all members of the Society, together with a form for return indicating the willingness of the member to provide his services under the stated conditions. Approximately 800 physicians have returned the form indicating their willingness to cooperate.

The Bureau arranged two meetings of the executives of the approved medical service bureau to discuss problems of mutual interest. The first of these meetings was held on June 29. The second meeting will be held during the annual session.

The Policy and Program adopted by the House of Delegates provides that each approved local organization shall limit its activities to the territory embraced within the jurisdiction of the local society by which it is approved, except that upon the request of a neighboring local society, the Council may authorize the extension of the activities of a local organization to the territory of the petitioning society. During the past year, upon request of the local societies involved, arrangements were completed by which the Multnomah Service Bureau of Portland was authorized to extend its activities to the territory embraced by the Mid-Columbia Medical Society and the Central Oregon Medical Society. Upon a similar petition to the Council, the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital Association of Salem was authorized to extend its activities to the territory under the jurisdiction of Tillamook County Medical Society and Lincoln County Medical Society.

During the year, a series of service bulletins for the use of the approved bureaus was inaugurated. The first of these bulletins dealt with the increased cost of drugs when prescribed under the proprietary name rather than the official

name. A number of the approved bureaus sent this bulletin to all physician members.

The Bureau also undertook an analysis of the organization and operation of each affiliated medical service bureau. These data are now available to component societies contemplating the inauguration of a plan of prepaid medical care for low-wage industrial groups.

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The Bureau published a pamphlet, entitled "Medical and Related Services on a Budget plan," outlining the services available to low-wage industrial groups through the approved medical service bureaus. A copy of this pamphlet, together with a letter explaining the Society's program, was mailed to every physician and editor in the state. The pamphlet and accompanying communication aroused considerable favorable editorial comment.

A news story outlining the growth in the number of subscribers of the approved medical service bureaus affiliated with the Bureau of Medical Economics was prepared and released to the newspapers of the state in July. This story was widely used by many of the newspapers.

In cooperation with the Committee on Public Relations, the Bureau placed exhibits at the Oregon State Fair and the Multnomah County Fair outlining the Society's program for the medical care of employed groups and showing the growth in the number of subscribers of approved medical service bureaus since the inception of the program in 1931.

PROGRESS OF APPROVED BUREAUS

The Bureau of Medical Economics is gratified to report a substantial growth in the number of employee-subscribers of the affiliated medical service bureaus. During the first six months of the year, it is estimated that the number of subscribers grew from 30,000 to 37,000.

The Bureau earnestly solicits the suggestions of the membership concerning its activities in dealing with the problems of providing medical care to low-wage industrial groups.

J. EVERETT BUCKLEY,
Chairman, Advisory Committee to the Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

It was voted that this report be referred to the Reference Committee on Reports of Committees and Officers.

E. H. McLean called attention to the fact that little had been done to eliminate pollution in the rivers of the state

and that the people were being denied the recreational advantages which the rivers had formerly offered. He expressed the opinion that the proper committee of the Society should take steps to obtain action by local and state authorities empowered to eliminate stream pollution.

J. C. Vandevert stated that the movement to eliminate stream pollution had not received adequate support from the public or the medical profession in the past. He expressed approval of Dr. McLean's proposal.

It was voted that the subject of stream pollution be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, with recommendation that it bring in a suitable resolution urging state and local authorities to proceed toward the elimination of pollution in the rivers of the state.

James C. Hayes discussed the difficulties existing in Jackson County in connection with prepaid medical care for low-wage groups. He stated that considerable dissension existed between some of the members of Jackson County Medical Society and the Southern Oregon Medical Service Association, the local medical service bureau approved by Jackson County Medical Society. He expressed the opinion that the State Society might be helpful in eliminating this dissension and requested that the Council meet with Jackson County Medical Society in the near future. President Hunt stated that he had taken the liberty of promising Dr. Hayes that the Council would hold such a meeting at an early date.

Committee on Public Relations

All activities pertaining to public relations are apt to be far reaching in their effects for good or evil. They likewise involve the expenditure of considerable sums of money. They are subject to unfavorable as well as favorable reactions both outside and inside the profession. This committee has been mindful of these facts.

During the past year, war, national defense, and political defense have so absorbed the attention of the public and Congress that this committee has largely limited its activities to gathering information and advice and digesting this material, with two exceptions. In November, 1939, with the attempt on the part of certain lay hospital associations to encroach upon and attempt to dominate further the rights of practicing physicians and organized medicine, it was felt by the committee, and on the advice of the Council, that a public statemtnt should be made of the position of Oregon State Medical Society pertaining to our program

for covering low wage groups on a contract basis and in particular our attitude towards hospital and indemnity insurance. In particular, we wanted to make it clear to the public that Oregon State Medical Society understood the problems of the low income group and as an expression of their sympathetic understanding were constantly extending their study and sphere of action in the case of such groups. In doing so, they felt it necessary to guard the independence of the medical profession that a high order of medical service be maintained and that the medical profession would be free from the dictation and control by organizations and individuals, whose interests are alien to the profession and practice of medicine. To this end, there appeared in the newspapers throughout the state a statement setting forth our policies.

To extend the knowledge of public relations technic and to promote an association with other business carrying on public relations work, your president appointed the chairman of this committee to attend the second Pacific Coast Course in Public Relations conducted at Reed College by the American Council on Public Relations from July 22 to August 2, 1940. It may be briefly stated that a large amount of informative material was gained from this course by your representative similar to that gained by the course in 1939. The summary of this course will be provided by the Council and should prove useful to this committee and the Council. An interesting opportunity was afforded to present to sympathetic and understanding minds the problems of medicine to this body of individuals, comprising some 105 heads or executives of business and professional institutions in this area.

CHARLES E. SEARS.
Chairman

At the conclusion of this report, Dr. Sears gave a more detailed oral report on the Short Course in Public Relations held at Reed College in July. He stated that the other participants in the course were better informed than last year concerning the medical profession and its efforts and aims and the participants included representatives of a large proportion of the larger industries and fields of business in the state.

He stated it was significant that the instructor in the course constantly used illustrations taken from the practice of medicine to drive home their points. It was interesting to observe that, when the medical profession was criticized,

members of the faculty came to the defense of the profession at all times.

Dr. Sears stated the criticism of the faculty of the course was that the medical profession does not take sufficient interest in public relations, with the result that the general public is uninformed concerning the work, as well as the problems, of the profession. He pointed out that it is necessary to have the laity informed as much as possible on the work and problems of the medical profession in order to keep their continued respect.

Dr. Sears urged that the Society organize its public relations plans more effectively, that industrial leaders be approached and the problems of the medical profession explained to them, and that consideration be given to the trend of public opinion in our community toward the medical profession. He cited an instance in which he interviewed one of the civic leaders in Portland. During the course of the interview he was asked to give and did give

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OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING PORTLAND, 1945

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MID-YEAR MEETING OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES

General Actions

This is a summary of the midyear meeting of the House of Delegates, held at Multnomah Hotel, Portland, April 7-8.

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7. Voted to recommend that members of the Society continue to render medical service to employees of railroads, but on a free choice of physician and fee-for-service basis, the employee to pay the physician and seek reimbursement from the company by which he is employed, providing it has agreed to furnish the employee's medical service, or from the employees' beneficial association, or other organization, if any, which has assumed responsibility for providing the employee's medical care.

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4389 APPROVE ONE OFFICIAL REPORT FORM; ALL OTHERS "OUT"

Stung by repeated unwillingness or inability of those organizations responsible to correct report form abuses which plague doctors and take up time needed for actual practice, the council of the Oregon State Medical Society has announced a drastic change in procedure which will be welcomed by all doctors. Effective immediately, the only report form to be filled out in cases of health and accident insurance carriers will be the one devised and approved by the state council. All others may be ignored.

The approved report form is simple and basic, and is confined strictly to legitimate, essential information. It bears on its face the statement that it is the only report form approved by the Oregon State Medical Society. The suggestion has been made that this simplified form be pasted or otherwise attached to any and all other report forms requested by legitimate insurers.

Insurers have long been requested to simplify their report forms, which have invariably seemed needlessly complex. By ignoring these repeated suggestions and requests the insurers have only themselves to thank that the long suffering medical worm has finally turned.

Further information as to the official forms may be obtained by contacting local society secretaries, district councillors or the state executive secretary.

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4391 quate facilities for diagnosis and treatment of cancer and funds for research into the causes and cure of cancer. It is our belief that these purposes can best be served by continued cooperation between the Oregon State Medical Society through its Committee on Cancer Study acting as members of the Executive Committee of the Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society. Otherwise, the Society's committee will be without funds and cannot function effectively.

WARREN C. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

It was voted that this report be referred to the Reference Committee on Reports of Committees and Officers.

Committee on Readjustment in Practice of Returning Medical Officers

Frank R. Mount, Chairman, presented an extensive verbal report concerning the activities of the Committee.

Dr. Mount stated that David W. E. Baird, Dean of the University of Oregon Medical School and a member of the Committee, was developing plans for "refresher" and postgraduate courses.

Dr. Mount stated that there is an acute shortage of office space in Portland, but that a new professional building, which would provide space for 100 physicians, had been definitely planned.

Dr. Mount stated that consideration had been given to the establishment of a loan fund to assist returning medical officers, but that the need or desirability of such a fund had not yet been demonstrated.

It was voted that this report be referred to the Reference Committee on the Reports of Committees and Officers.

John H. Fitzgibbon, Delegate to the American Medical Association, reported that the House of Delegates had not met because of the restrictions placed on civilian travel.

Dr. Fitzgibbon reported on recent activities of the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations and particularly on the "Fourteen Point Constructive Program for Medical Care" which the Council had recently adopted.

Dr. Fitzgibbon announced that he had resigned as Chair-

man of the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations.

Committee on Public Health

L. S. Kent, Chairman of the Committee on Public Health, submitted the following recommendations concerning cooperation in the administration of House Bill No. 53:

1. That policies with respect to physical examinations be determined by negotiation between local school boards and local medical societies.

2. That a mutually satisfactory fee schedule be adopted.

3. That the examinations be thorough.

4. That an adequate record system be adopted.

5. That there be an adequate plan of follow-up to ensure the correction of defects.

Harold M. Erickson, State Health Officer, commented on the necessity for thorough examinations and follow-up. He called attention to the undesirability of two health departments in a single community, one dealing with school health problems, and the second, with other community health problems.

It was voted that the recommendations of the Committee on Public Health with respect to cooperation in the administration of House Bill No. 53 be adopted.

Board of Directors of Oregon Physicians' Service Acting as an Interim Committee of the House of Delegates

At its midyear meeting in April, the House of Delegates appointed the members of the Board of Directors of Oregon Physicians' Service as a committee to define the objectives of Oregon Physicians' Service and its relationship to other methods of distributing the costs of medical and hospital service and to report to the House of Delegates at the 1945 Session.

An intensive study of this subject has been made by your committee during the past three months. After considerable deliberation the committee desires to render its report in the form of definite recommendations for your consideration as follows:

1. That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to continue the writing of "Full Coverage" medical and hospital contracts for employee groups on the "service" plan as at present.

2. That Oregon Physicians' Service be empowered to offer hospitalization contracts for the families of employed groups in those areas where the cooperating medical groups desire that such action be taken.

3. That Oregon Physicians' Service be empowered to offer *limited* coverage medical contract service to the families of employed groups in those areas where cooperating medical groups desire that such action be taken.

As applied to all of the above-mentioned proposals, it is recommended that the principle of local autonomy should be preserved.

D. R. Ross
J. P. Brennan
L. M. Spalding
George I. Hurley
Gordon B. Leitch

Following extended discussion, it was voted that this report and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

At 5:30 p.m., it was voted to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 2.

Third Session

Sunday, September 2

The House of Delegates was called to order by First Vice-President James C. Hayes at 9:00 a.m., in the Blue Room of Hotel Multnomah.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present:

Edward H. McLean, President; L. M. Spalding, President-Elect; James C. Hayes, First Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Councilors Frank R. Menne, Stanley Lamb, L. Howard Smith, J. V. Straumfjord, Henry Garnjobst, B. R. Shoemaker, E. D. Lamb, C. W. McCain, W. J. Weese, and L. S. Kent; Ralph A. Fenton, Trustee of the American Medical Association, and John H. Fitzgibbon, Delegate to the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present:

H. M. Francis of Corvallis, Benton County Medical Society; W. Ross Eaton of Oregon City, Clackamas County

Medical Society; A. D. McMurdo of Heppner, Eastern Oregon District Medical Society; L. D. Inskeep of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; M. E. Corthell of Grants Pass, Josephine County Medical Society; Glenn S. Morgan of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; A. E. Bostrom of Albany, Linn County Medical Society; Charles E. Gurney, George E. Henton, Oliver M. Nisbet, Matthew C. Riddle, Charles E. Sears, William H. Thayer, Morris L. Bridgeman, Blair Holcomb, Gordon B. Leitch, and Warren C. Hunter of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; R. E. Ringo of Tillamook, Tillamook County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society, and Hollister M. Stolte of McMinnville, Yamhill County Medical Society.

Charles N. Holman, DeNorval Unthank, Leon A. Goldsmith, Harold M. Erickson and Forrest E. Reike of Portland and the executive secretary were also present.

Clarence A. Smith of Seattle, Editor of NORTHWEST MEDICINE, and Edward F. Stegen of Chicago, Associate Administrator of the National Physicians Committee for the Extension of Medical Service, were also present.

Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws

Dr. Hayes announced that the Committee, as directed by the House at the 1945 Session, had prepared the necessary amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws to create the offices of Speaker and Vice-Speaker and, as directed by the House at this Session, had also prepared the amendments to make the Dean of the University of Oregon Medical School a Councilor-at-Large.

Dr. Hayes stated that the constitution provided
4392 that at least a majority of the delegates regularly elected by the component societies must be present when amendments to the constitution are acted upon, that a majority of regularly elected delegates was not present, that, therefore, these amendments could not be considered at this time, and they would be held over for consideration at the midyear meeting.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES HOLDS SPEEDY MEETING

Thanks to the efficiency with which President Lansford M. Spalding of Astoria and Vice-president James C. Hayes of Medford directed the proceedings, what was billed to be a two day session of the house of delegates turned out to be a one day affair, and the many out of Portland delegates found themselves with an unexpected free day for other purposes.

A strong factor in the speedy enactment of the house's business was the high degree of information on the various subjects on the agenda possessed by the delegates who were able to engage in the arguments necessary to a decision without preliminary convention floor explanation on the many points involved. This undoubtedly reflects the cumulative effect of the semiannual visits throughout the state conducted in recent years by the presidents of the state society, a practice which bids fair to become a tradition and, to judge from this result, a useful one.

Highlights of the meeting, the detailed proceedings of which will appear in an early issue, were discussions of the veterans administration contract with Oregon Physicians' Service, raising of the fee for life insurance examinations to $7.50, presentation of hospitalization arrangements for veterans by William Galesdorf of Salem on behalf of the Oregon Association of Hospitals, the report of Delegate Frank R. Mount of the A.M.A. house of delegates meeting, and the presentation of a series of resolutions to the house by Dr. Frank R. Menne, as commented upon elsewhere in this section, and a report from Dr. John Fitzgibbon, A.M.A. trustee.

Other matters before the house were largely routine, or reports bringing the delegates up to the minute on current activities of the society. Included in these were the passage of the amendments authorizing the election of a speaker and vice-speaker of the house of delegates hereafter, offices which are slated to be filled at the next meeting in Gearhart in September.

Unusual side-light of the meeting was illustrated by the remark of a wag among those present who, during the presentation of the nominating committee's report, stated it

looked as if one of the qualifications for delegate to the A.M.A., not mentioned in the recent news letter, is to have a name beginning with the letter M, referring to the succession of Drs. Mount, McLean and McKeown. Some who heard the remark have been wondering how he felt when he realized the chairman of the committee was J. Milton Murphy, that the excellent report on resolutions was presented by Frank R. Menne, the delegate's report by Frank R. Mount, the report on Northwest Medicine by Karl Martzloff, and that speeches and comments were made by Glenn S. Morgan of Eugene, Harry E. Mackey of Bend, and Burton A. Myers of Salem, delegates from their respective societies.

At any rate it was generally agreed the meeting was one of the most successful in the recent history of Oregon State Medical Society.

4395 FRANK MOUNT RESIGNS AS A.M.A. DELEGATE: McLEAN SUCCESSOR WITH McKEOWN ALTERNATE

The Oregon house of delegates tendered Dr. Frank R. Mount a vote of thanks in regretfully accepting his resignation for health reasons as the society's delegate to the American Medical Association. Promptly elevated in his place was Dr. E. H. McLean of Oregon City, the previous alternate delegate. Named to succeed Dr. McLean as alternate delegate was Dr. Raymond M. McKeown of Coos Bay. As Dr. McLean has also been ill recently, and is recovering slowly, it is more than likely the duties of delegate at the forthcoming San Francisco meeting will be discharged by Dr. McKeown.

SIMPSON REPORT DUE

Word has been received that the report of the national survey of prepayment plans, made during 1945 by Herbert D. Simpson, Ph.D., professor of public finance, Northwestern University, has been completed and may be released at an early date. Field work for the report was completed last fall, but due to the prolonged illness of Dr. Simpson the analysis and summary were not completed until recently.

DELEGATES UP LIFE INSURANCE EXAMINATION FEE

One of the most significant actions taken in many years by the house of delegates was the recommendation that the minimum fee for making life insurance examinations be increased from Five Dollars to Seven Dollars and fifty cents.

The action was initiated by doctors in southern Oregon who have been collecting the larger fee for several months past. Before voting the increase the matter was subjected to lengthy explanatory debate, in which representatives of insurance companies expressed themselves freely. The recommendation was passed unanimously.

Dissatisfaction with the previous fee has increased during recent years because of the general inflationary trend, with consequent increasing costs of operation to doctors, and because of the increasing length and complexity of the examination demanded by life insurance applicants.

RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE

Concerning the activity of numerous organizations, bureaus and agencies actively engaged in inquiries, surveys, health promotion schemes, etc.

Whereas: It would appear that each day or month some new activity is inaugurated outside the medical profession but concerned with the utilization of the medical profession as a means to an end in carrying out such plans and

Whereas: It would further seem that after such plans are conceived the movement is inaugurated through clubs, organizations or political groups, and once it is partly under way, the doctors are asked to participate and

Whereas: Many of such activities are instituted in good faith but without serious deliberation and after confusion has developed, the matter finally comes to the attention of the medical societies of a given community or several communities and

Whereas: It eventually occurs to those agencies promoting the enterprise that the matter concerns the medical profession for the state as a whole and it should have been first brought to the attention of the State Medical Society Council; therefore, be it

Resolved: That in the future all agencies engaged in such activity requiring the cooperation of the medical profession in a prospective plan whether investigation, survey or study and whether the request is made through an individual doctor or an individual society, all such requests be referred to the Council of the State Medical Society for approval before any such activities are initiated; be it further

Resolved: That this constitute a regular channel for the consideration of all such activities; and, be it further

Resolved: That no individual component medical society institute such a plan before unified action is taken through the Council of the State Medical Society and thereafter through the Councils of the component societies.

In connection with the above resolution it might be timely to reprint the concluding sentence of a commentary which appeared in the October, 1945, issue of NORTHWEST MEDICINE:

"The time is well overdue when the profession should meet all requests for medical endorsement and approval fearlessly, on merit only, and only after *adequate study* and the *closest of scrutiny* in the public interest."

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SOCIETY MEETINGS

LANE AND WILLAMETTE COUNTIES MEETING

The joint meeting of the Lane County and Central Willamette Medical Societies was held at the Eugene Hotel March 20. The Lane County Medical Society acted as hosts for the evening.

Dr. Stewart opened the meeting, introducing new members and returning veterans from Eugene, after which Dr. Ball introduced new members from outside Eugene and our guests. The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Whitelaw, president of the Central Willamette Medical Society.

Dr. Berthel H. Henning of San Francisco, our guest speaker, was introduced, as was Dr. Spalding, President of Oregon State Medical Society, who introduced Dr. Carey of the Veterans Administration. Dr. Henning addressed the society as a representative of the American Legion, Department of California. He presented a very interesting

paper on "Care of Veterans Under California Physicians Service."

Dr. Spalding gave a report on what is being done in Oregon in setting up a plan for caring for veterans and a report of his activities as President of the State Society in this connection.

Dr. Carey gave a very interesting talk on the experiences and attitude of the Veterans Administration concerning the care of veterans of all wars by physicians. He read a copy of the contract between the Veterans Administration and Oregon Physicians Service. The meeting was opened for questions and discussion.

Two future meetings were announced, one of the Foundation of Infantile Paralysis to be held in Eugene, and a meeting of our Society to be held at Lebanon during the strawberry festival.

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OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MIDYEAR MEETING OF THE 1946 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., April 6, by President L. M. Spalding. A Committee on Credentials, consisting of L. D. Inskeep, C. E. Gurney and T. S. Saunders, was appointed. They reported that a quorum was present.

Gordon Leitch, representing the Committee on Public Policy, discussed matters of legislative interest.

F. E. Rieke discussed the Hospital Service Study now in progress. He stated that this represented an effort of private enterprise to furnish data regarding necessary hospital construction.

As regards medical equipment declared surplus by the Army and Navy, Dr. Rieke offered the assistance of the Oregon State Board of Health in obtaining such materials for hospitals and veteran physicians. He also gave information regarding the Child Health Survey now in progress.

Mrs. Garnjobst reviewed the activities of the Woman's

Auxiliary for the year. She stressed the public relations benefits resulting from the philanthropic and educational projects of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Charles P. Wilson informed the delegates regarding the tuberculosis case-finding activities of the Oregon State Board of Health. He stated that x-ray examination on 35 millimeter film is an excellent and valuable method of detecting tuberculosis. The State Board of Health proposes an x-ray examination of the chest of every person in the State of Oregon. Dr. Wilson estimated that 1½ per cent of the population would be found tuberculous. He stated that in a recent hospital x-ray survey, twelve per cent of admissions showed a reinfection type of tuberculosis.

Dr. Blomquist gave a detailed report concerning the technic of conducting the tuberculosis case-finding campaign. He stated that the A. M. A. plan of case-finding was followed and in the case of a positive result, the patient and the local health officer were notified. The patient's private physician was offered the cooperation of the Oregon State Board of Health in this matter. Dr. Blomquist read a statement, copy of which is appended. Joseph Brennan requested that Dr. Blomquist's statement be referred to the Reference Committee on Reports.

Milton Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the nomination of E. H. McLean as Delegate to the American Medical Association. Raymond McKeown was nominated as alternate. They were unanimously elected.

The Speaker, J. C. Hayes, introduced for discussion the proposal that the fee for medical examinations for life insurance policies of ten thousand dollars or less be raised from $5.00 to $7.50. Mr. R. R. Brown, representing the Standard Life Insurance Company, stated that any increase in fee would be passed on to the policyholders. He stated that some examinations were worth more than five dollars but that many were worth less, so that five dollars represented a fair fee on the average. Drs. Seabrook and Murray Burns argued in favor of the increased rate. The motion to increase the fee was passed.

Frank Mount, the delegate to the December meeting of the American Medical Association, gave a brief report of the transactions.

Mr. Joseph Harvey, Jr., gave a report on recent activities of Oregon Physicians' Service. He stated that nine
4399 hundred physicians, or 94 per cent of the physicians in the state, participated in the plan. There has been

a 26 per cent increase in the number of group contracts sold. The limited family benefits program has been adopted in seven counties. The O. P. S. has signed a contract with the U. S. Veterans Administration to provide medical benefits to veterans for service-connected disabilities.

Mr. Kenneth Manning, a representative of the O. P. S., attended a recent meeting in Chicago, held under the auspices of the Committee of Rural Health of the A. M. A. Individuals representing the various farm groups were present and a discussion of rural health problems was given. The feeling prevailed that the cost of medical care was beyond the means of the farmer.

Dr. Menne stated that nonmedical practitioners have been moving into areas where the services of medical physicians are not available.

Mr. Galesdorf, representing the Oregon State Hospital Association, stated that plans were being consummated for the care of veterans in private hospitals. He urged that Governor Snell be offered full support in his request that the hospitals at Camp White and Camp Adair be continued. Dr. Fitzgibbon advocated expansion of private hospital facilities as deemed necessary.

Dr. Fitzgibbon reported on prepayment plans. He stated that machinery had been set in motion for the A. M. A. to grant its approval to plans meeting high standards of quality.

Associated Medical Care Plans, Inc., has been organized to coordinate all medical service prepayment plans and to assist subscribers to obtain services on a nation wide basis.

Matthew Riddle gave plans regarding the forthcoming annual session of the Society to be held on September 26-28 at Gearhart.

Karl Martzloff reported the following decisions regarding NORTHWEST MEDICINE: (1) that advertisements be confined to the nonscientific pages; (2) that action on the professional cards (advertisements) be deferred; (3) that ownership of NORTHWEST MEDICINE rests in the Northwest Publishing Association; (4) the Trustees of Northwest Publishing Association cannot be held legally responsible for NORTHWEST MEDICINE, if they are duly nominated. Dr. Leitch recommended that Dr. Martzloff's report be referred to the Oregon State Medical Society Council.

Leslie Kent, representing the Committee on Public Health, reported that a new form of birth certificate had

been made available. She stated that no provision has been offered for compensation of physicians who participate in the School Health Fitness Program. She stated that the Emergency Maternal and Infant Care Program will last for at least twenty-seven months after the war is officially declared closed.

Stanley Lamb moved that the Society underwrite the financing of the distribution of *Hygeia* magazine in the one-and-two-room schools of the state and that such project be operated through the Woman's Auxiliary. The motion was passed.

Dr. Brennan reported that a decision on the revision in the dues structure has not been reached. A further report will be given in September.

With reference to the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, Dr. Spalding moved that Senator Morse be notified by telegram regarding his promise to secure a hearing for the Oregon State Medical Society.

Dr. Menne offered the following report of the resolutions committee: That the Tuberculosis Survey of the Oregon State Board of Health be referred to the Council.

An amendment to the constitution creating the office of Speaker and Vice-Speaker was passed.

A motion suggesting that the executive faculty of the University of Oregon Medical School appoint one of its members, preferably the Dean, to be a Councilor-at-Large was passed for consideration at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p. m. April 6.

THOMAS S. SAUNDERS, M. D.
Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION No. 1

Concerning Tuberculosis Control Survey.

After discussion of the considerations introduced by Charles P. Wilson, it was suggested by him that the information presented serve as a basis for a resolution by the Committee on Resolutions. In considering this subject the Committee noted that this survey was undertaken by the Oregon State Board of Health and the Oregon Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the local health departments and the Public Health Association. It was further pointed out that during the past four years similar joint

or cooperative programs have been carried out in many other states.

The purpose was to utilize all existing resources and personnel to the best advantage in the current tuberculosis control program. In attempting to carry out this plan, it was pointed out that the private physicians would be important in such case-finding program and that their participation was solicited. It was also further pointed out that the program followed the purposes and procedures established by the Council in Industrial Health and approval by the American Medical Association in August, 1945.

A discussion by your Committee on Resolutions with various physicians concerning the carrying out of this investigation raised considerable discussion. It was pointed out by Dr. Myers of Salem that there is a definite feeling among the physicians of his locality that the tuberculosis program is conducted by the Public Health Service instead of where it belongs, in the hands of the various medical societies. Another physician made the criticism that the patients in his community are sent to one of the four hospitals by the health service and are not directed to the private physicians for chest radiographs. He further pointed out that, since the physicians are supposed to participate, many of these X-ray examinations should be made directly under their supervision. Still another physician, Dr. McKeown of Coos Bay, stated that no request or information was given to the Coos County Society.

It would seem evident, therefore, that there is a feeling of concern about the introduction of a new bureau which seemingly has solicited the assistance of lay groups for the purpose of making an examination that should emanate through the component societies, and that this request, although made in good faith, is a belated solicitation of the various medical societies as well as the State Medical Society. In view of the foregoing criticism and suggestions, it is, therefore,

Resolved: That in the future, activities of the State Board of Health or any outside agency, national or local, seeking to utilize the medical profession for any investigative program and/or survey and/or administration of health, do so by first submitting its plan to the State Medical Council. After due consideration of such a plan by the said Council of the State Medical Society, its deliberations and recommendations are to be forwarded to the

Councils of the respective component medical societies for their approval or dissent. Be it further

Resolved: That upon completion of such agreement and understanding, then, and then only, are such activities requiring the assistance of the physicians to be instituted. Be it also further

Resolved: That, once an agreement is reached by
4400 the respective medical societies and the methods of the activity are thereby approved, whole-hearted, industrious participation be assured. Be it also further

Resolved: That this matter be referred to the Council of the State Medical Society for its action and approval in accord with the above provision. Be it also further

Resolved: That the work in the several counties now under way shall continue subject to the modifications and/or approval as laid down by the State and County Medical Societies.

It was duly moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. The motion was passed unanimously.

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ARMY AND NAVY ACT JOINTLY TO RELIEVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL OFFICER SHORTAGE

The War and Navy Departments announced joint action taken to relieve a very serious shortage of Medical and Dental Officers which now exists in the combined requirements of the Army, Navy and Veterans Administration.

Regardless of date of entry on active duty, only a two-year period of service will after 1 July be required of all Army Medical Corps Officers, including graduates of the Army Specialized Training Program except critically needed specialists. A two year period of service will be required for all Navy graduates of the Navy Medical V-12 Training Program, who after March 1, 1946, were or will be ordered to active commissioned duty upon completion of internship. Navy doctors already separated will not be recalled. Under the Army's new two year policy, it is estimated that approximately sixty days after 1 July will be required to complete the release of approximately 3,000 Army doctors affected by the change.

By the above action the requirements both of the Army and Navy can be met and in addition the Army can make available to the Veterans Administration approximately

1,000 badly needed Medical officers and the Navy about 500.

In order to meet the minimum requirements of the Army and Navy for dentists, and to establish comparable discharge criteria for both services, the War and Navy Departments have agreed that all dental officers partially or wholly assisted in their education by the Federal Government in the ASTP and V-12 programs and now on active duty upon completion of such education, will for the time being be released upon completion of three years of commissioned active duty service. Navy dentists already separated will not be recalled to active duty. The length of service required for Army dentists now on duty other than ASTU graduates has been reduced from 39 to 36 months effective immediately.

The Navy will shortly make available to the Army approximately 800 dental officers. When this transfer is completed, the period of service required of all dental officers will be further reduced. Before discharge requirements can be reduced to two years for both services, the Army will require additional dental officers.

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4402 ALL ABOARD FOR SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Arrangements have been completed for what promises to be one of the best annual meetings of Oregon State Medical Society in the long history of the organization, September 26, 27 and 28 at Gearhart.

According to the program committee, the scientific exhibits this year will be second to none, and the array of talented speakers assures a most profitable professional session. Outside guest speakers fall into three categories.

The scientific end of the program will feature Dr. John Anderson, professor of pediatrics; Dr. Louis Goodman, professor of pharmacology, and Dr. Henry Lerner, professor of radiology, all of the University of Utah Medical School, and Dr. Carl G. Heller, associate professor of medicine, and Dr. Frank B. Queen, professor of pathology, of the University of Oregon Medical School.

Representing national medical interest will be none other than Dr. George F. Lull, general manager of the American

Medical Association, who is scheduled to deliver a noteworthy address.

Also on hand will be a representative of the National Physicians Committee to give a first hand report of activities of that organization and to outline the factors lying ahead which are likely to influence the course of medicine. Mr. Ed. F. Stegen, associate administrator, recently spoke at the Washington State annual meeting in Spokane and it was hoped to have him appear before the Oregon doctors. However, this does not appear probable at press time, and an effort is being made to have one of the Washington, D. C., representatives appear in his place.

The house of delegates is scheduled to hold breakfast meetings on all three days of the session, and if necessary will meet longer.

Through the courtesy of Multnomah County Medical Society, the September 15 edition of their "Bulletin" was devoted exclusively to the annual meeting. Copies of this issue should be saved and taken to the meeting to serve as a program, since a separate official program will not appear this year due to paper shortages.

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4404 OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Held at Hotel Gearhart
Gearhart, Oregon

September 26-28, 1946

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

First Session

Thursday, September 26

The opening session of the House of Delegates was called to order by President L. M. Spalding at 7:00 a.m., in the Dining Room of Hotel Gearhart.

President Spalding announced the appointment of the Committee on Credentials as follows: Thomas S. Saunders, Chairman; Henry Garnjobst and O. C. Hagmeier.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present:

L. M. Spalding, President; Edward H. McLean, Past-President; Stanley Lamb, President-Elect; James C. Hayes, First Vice-President; Raymond M. McKeown, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Councilors Frank R. Menne, Henry Garnjobst, E. D. Lamb, C. W. McCain, W. J. Weese and Leslie S. Kent.

The following delegates were present:

Harry E. Mackey of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; O. C. Hagmeier of Seaside, Clatsop County Medical Society; John D. Rankin of Coquille, Coos-Curry County Medical Society; J. E. Campbell of Roseburg, Douglas County Medical Society; Edward S. Morgan of Pendleton, Eastern Oregon District Medical Society; L. D. Inskeep of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; R. Wayne Esperson of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; Glenn S. Morgan of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; H. R. Kauffman of Toledo, Lincoln County Medical Society; E. Murray Burns, E. G. Chuinard, Charles E. Gurney, Leon F. Ray, Matthew C. Riddle, Dean B. Seabrook, William A. Shea, and Charles P. Wilson of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society, and Roswell S. Waltz of Forest Grove, Washington County Medical Society.

W. W. Baum of Salem, T. L. Hyde of The Dalles, Robert L. Benson, J. E. Buckley, Gordon B. Leitch, J. Milton Murphy, Ralph M. Prag and Otis B. Wight of Portland were also present.

Lorienne M. Conlee of Portland, Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, Richard K. Stanton of Portland, Executive Secretary of the Multnomah County Medical Society, and the Executive Secretary were also present.

Thomas S. Saunders, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that, in the absence of the regularly elected delegates from certain component societies, the following members were present and eligible to be seated:

W. W. Baum of Salem, Marion-Polk Medical Society; T. L. Hyde of The Dalles, Mid-Columbia Medical Society, and Robert L. Benson, J. E. Buckley, Gordon B. Leitch, J. Milton Murphy, Ralph M. Prag and Otis B. Wight of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society. These members were seated by vote of the House.

President Spalding announced the appointment of the following committees:

Reference Committee on Reports of Committees and Officers: William A. Shea, Chairman, Matthew C. Riddle and John D. Rankin.

Resolutions: Frank R. Menne, Chairman, Leslie S. Kent and J. P. Brennan.

New Business: Raymond M. McKeown, Chairman, W. J. Weese and Charles P. Wilson.

President Spalding announced that a Nominating Committee of not more than five members was to be elected by the House. John D. Rankin, Leslie S. Kent, John P. Cleland, C. W. McCain and W. J. Weese were nominated. No further nominations were made. Thereupon, it was voted that these nominees be elected.

President Spalding then turned over the chair to First Vice-President James C. Hayes, who acted as Speaker during the meeting.

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the mid-year meeting held on April 6-7, 1946.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Report of Secretary

Your Secretary submits the following report for the past year, including a summary of the major actions taken by the Council.

The status of our membership as of September 1, 1946, is as follows:

Active	848
Junior	45
Associate	58
Life	23
Honorary	11
Total	985

These figures include a considerable number of members who are still in military service.

The Council performed its functions in the usual careful and competent manner. Eight meetings were held during the year, at which numerous vital problems were acted upon.

The following summary outlines the principal actions taken by the Council:

1. Authorized the expenditure of approximately $450 to provide necessary clerical assistance for the Committee on the Readjustment in Practice of Returning Medical Officers.

2. Approved a number of changes in the rules and regulations of the Oregon State Board of Health relating to communicable diseases.

3. Designated President L. M. Spalding to represent the Society at the Conference on Public Relations sponsored by the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations of the American Medical Association at Chicago on October 19-20, 1945.

4. Directed that a statement be incorporated in the Oregon Section of NORTHWEST MEDICINE to the effect that articles appearing therein do not necessarily represent the opinion of Oregon State Medical Society and that all articles which are expressions of personal opinion be signed by the writer.

5. Voted that the Woman's Auxiliary be urged to cooperate with the Oregon State Board of Health in furthering and promoting its program.

6. Adopted the following resolution with respect to the medcial care of returning veterans for presentation to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association:

Whereas: The Veterans Administration is confronted with a gigantic task in providing medical care for thousands of veterans; and

Whereas: Our veterans richly deserve the best possible medical service; and

Whereas: It is advantageous that veterans be cared for in their home communities when local facilities offer service adequate for their care; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the House of Delegates offer to the Veterans Administration the wholehearted support of the American Medical Association, and its constituent state

associations and component local societies in providing the highest type medical care to our veterans by stimulating competent physicians to undertake full-time hospital service, in encouraging qualified specialists to accept appointment as consultants, and in stimulating local societies to develop plans under which all their members will accept appointment as designated physicians and thus be available to service the veteran in his home community.

7. At the request of the Oregon Mental Hygiene Society,

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4405 6. The major recipients of any medical society public relations program should not be the general public. On the contrary, the greatest need for understanding of good public relations today lies within a profession itself and the major effort should be directed to the profession. In this respect it is recommended that a series of speaking teams may be developed on a regional basis to visit the various communities, to work with the local doctors in those communities in improving the relations with the profession and the public by a series of personal and public meetings. This activity can be initiated immediately, if personnel is selected and funds become available, and need not await placing an account with a public relations agency.

7. Any program developed should be coordinated, insofar as possible, with any similar program contemplated or developed by the American Medical Association but the Oregon program should be determined for Oregon needs and timing should operate and be in the interests of Oregon conditions at all times.

GORDON B. LEITCH,
Chairman

Gordon B. Leitch, Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy, introduced Lorienne M. Conlee, Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners and legal counsel of the committee. Miss Conlee was welcomed and given a vote of thanks for her work.

O. C. Hagmeier announced that the City of Seaside had recently erected a hospital and, on behalf of the medical staff, extended a cordial invitation to the members of the House to visit and inspect the new institution.

At 9:00 a.m. it was voted to adjourn until 7:00 a.m., on Friday, September 27.

Second Session

Friday, September 27

The House of Delegates was called to order by First Vice-President James C. Hayes at 7:00 a.m., in the Dining Room of the Hotel Gearhart.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present:

L. M. Spalding, President; Edward H. McLean, Past-President; Stanley Lamb, President-Elect; James C. Hayes, First Vice-President; Raymond M. McKeown, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Councilors Frank R. Menne, Henry Garnjobst, E. D. Lamb, C. W. McCain, W. J. Weese and Leslie S. Kent.

The following delegates were present:

Harry E. Mackey of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; O. C. Hagmeier of Seaside, Clatsop County Medical Society; J. E. Campbell of Roseburg, Douglas County Medical Society; L. D. Inskeep of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; R. Wayne Esperson of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; Glenn S. Morgan of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; H. R. Kauffman of Toledo, Lincoln County Medical Society; Paul R. Vogt of The Dalles, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; W. W. Baum of Salem, Marion-Polk County Medical Society; R. A. Bissett, E. Murray Burns, Ira E. Gaston, J. Otto George, Charles E. Gurney, Robert F. Miller, Matthew C. Riddle, Dean B. Seabrook, William A. Shea, Charles P. Wilson, Robert L. Benson, Gordon B. Leitch, J. Milton Murphy, Ralph M. Prag and Otis B. Wight of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society, Roswell S. Waltz of Forest Grove, Washington County Medical Society.

R. S. Langmack of Sweet Home, H. A. Geuffroy and Vern W. Miller of Salem, C. L. Booth, Morris L. Bridgeman, Leon A. Goldsmith, Martin A. Howard, Arthur C. Jones, Russell H. Kaufman and Karl H. Martzloff of Portland were also present.

Lorienne M. Conlee of Portland, Executive Secetary of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners; Willard C. Marshall and Kenneth G. Manning of Salem, of the Oregon Physicians' Service; Richard K. Stanton of Portland, Executive Secretary of the Multnomah County Med-

ical Society, and the Executive Secretary were also present.

Clarence A. Smith of Seattle, Editor of NORTHWEST MEDICINE, and Herbert L. Hartley of Seattle, Assistant Editor of NORTHWEST MEDICINE, were also present.

Thomas S. Saunders, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that, in the absence of the regularly elected delegates from certain component societies, the following members were present and eligible to be seated:

R. S. Langmack of Sweet Home, Linn County Medical Society, and Vern W. Miller of Salem, Marion-Polk County Medical Society. These members were seated by vote of the House.

Report of the Liaison Committee to the Oregon Association of Hospitals

J. Milton Murphy, Chairman, stated that the committee, consisting of W. W. Baum of Salem, John P. Cleland of Oregon City, and himself, had been appointed by authorization of the Council to confer with a committee representing the Oregon Association of Hospitals, with a view to developing a cooperative plan under which the Northwest Hospital Service Plan would provide prepayment hospital service and the Oregon Physicians Service would supply prepayment medical service. Dr. Murphy stated that the two committees had held a meeting which was also attended by representatives of the Northwest Hospital Service Plan and the Oregon Physicians Service. He stated that there was agreement concerning a plan of cooperation but there was a difference of opinion between the representatives of the Northwest Hospital Service Plan and the representatives of the Oregon Physicians Service concerning the amount of the monthly subscriber fee to be charged for hospital service and that for this reason the objective of the committee could not be effected at the present time.

Dr. Murphy asked that this report be accepted as a report of progress and that the committee be discharged. He expressed the opinion that any further negotiations should be carried on through the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians Service.

It was voted that this report be accepted. The committee was not discharged.

Report of the Oregon Physicians Service

Willard C. Marshall, General Manager of the Oregon Physicians Service, presented a report of the activities of the Service for the past fiscal year.

A general discussion of current problems of the Oregon Physicians Service, particularly in Multnomah County, followed.

Committee on Charitable Medical Care

Your committee recently held a conference with Dr. Leon A. Goldsmith, Director of the Division of Medical Care of the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission, at which the problems arising in connection with the care of public welfare clients afflicted with chronic diseases were discussed.

It was concluded that the committee could perform a useful function in acting in an advisory capacity to the Director in dealing with these problems, some of which involve the use of new drugs and drugs whose therapeutic value has not been established.

It is believed that such activity by the committee will be of material aid in reinforcing the established policy of the State Public Welfare Commission of maintaining a medical service which conforms to the accepted standards of medical practice. The committee, therefore, recommends that it be granted authority to act in this advisory capacity.

WILLIAM O. STEELE, *Chairman*
FORREST E. RIEKE
DE NORVAL UNTHANK

Leon A. Goldsmith, Director of the Division of Medical Care of the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission, stated that it was the policy of the Commission to provide a medical service that conformed to accepted stand-
4406 ards and that the Commission desires the advisory service of the committee as set forth in its report.

Thanks were expressed to Dr. Goldsmith for his appearance before the House.

It was voted that this report and the recommendation contained therein be adopted.

At 9:00 a.m. it was voted to adjourn until 7:00 a.m., on Saturday, September 28.

Third Session

Saturday, September 28

The House of Delegates was called to order by First Vice-President James B. Hayes at 7:00 a.m., in the Dining Room of Hotel Gearhart.

Committee on Nursing Service and Education

The only problem referred to this committee this year was the petition to the Council to "request the Oregon State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses to revise their rules and standards in order that the smaller training schools in the State would not have to go out of existence." It seemed to the committee that any revision of standards for registration of nurses should come from inside the nurses' organization. With this in mind, two representatives of the nursing group were invited to meet with our committee and help us make recommendations. Mrs. Linnie Laird, Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Nurses Association, and Miss Henrietta Dolz, Chairman of the joint committee on State Nurses and the Medical Society, were chosen. Dr. Milton Murphy and Dr. J. P. Brennan were appointed as additional members of the nursing committee by the Council of the Oregon State Medical Society. At the first meeting all of the undersigned committee members, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Laird and Miss Dolz were present. The following points were brought out:

The American Nurses Association and National League of Nursing Education build up the pattern for nursing educational requirements for the whole nation, and set up a recommended minimum for state registration of nurses. The Oregon requirements barely meet this minimum. For example, our state registered nurses are not eligible, without further work, for reciprocity with California which requires six weeks of nursing in communicable disease nor do we meet the requirements for enlistment in the U. S. Army. In the present shortage of girls available to go into training, we realize the extreme difficulty in obtaining girls to train in the smaller hospitals, but would lowering of the state standards so that reciprocity would be more difficult make these training schools any more attractive?

Three letters were studied setting forth the problem, one from Mother Mildred, representing the Eastern Oregon hospitals, one from Dr. J. P. Brennan of Pendleton and the last from Dr. C. J. Bartlett of the Baker Clinic. From the suggestions these letters contained, and information that the representatives of the nursing group were able to give us, the following suggestions are made:

1. That the nurses in training in these smaller hospitals have their classroom instruction and bedside nursing in one continuous period, instead of at erratic times interrupted by affiliate work. This would give them a period of approximately two and one-half years of continuous service in their home hospital. They might qualify for a type of certificate or degree similar to that given the graduate from a junior college to differentiate junior college graduates from those qualifying for the usual college degree. This certificate would carry with it *certain* nursing privileges, but the extra affiliate courses in Obstetrics, Pediatrics and Diet Therapy, totaling about seven and one-half months of work, would have to be completed somewhere else before the R.N. was granted. This would allow the hospital to enroll classes more frequently and thus compensate for reducing the course. In order to meet the teaching requirements for class work, Mother Mildred suggested that all the Eastern Oregon hospitals combine to support a rotating faculty of seven instructors.

2. That a representative of the Oregon State Nurses Association contact Drs. Bartlett and Brennan and ask for a meeting with them and the hospital heads in their locality so that this and other specific local problems could be discussed and misunderstandings ironed out. This meeting was arranged for, plane reservations were even made, but at the last minute the meeting was cancelled by a telegram from Dr. Brennan. The local groups seemed to feel that their problems were being straightened out and a meeting would be unnecessary at the present time.

JESSIE LAIRD BRODIE
RACHAEL CARLETON SPARKS
CORRINE TRULINGER CHAMBERLAIN

It was voted that this report and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Report of Treasurer

Your Treasurer submits the following report for our most recent six months accounting period from January 1, 1946, to June 30, 1946, prepared by Mr. C. T. Kronenberg, Certified Public Accountant.

The detailed report of Mr. Kronenberg's semi-annual audit will be submitted with this report.

General Fund

Receipts from members' dues and assessments for the six-months' period totaled $18,847.00, as against $18,358.40 for the first six months of 1945.

The current cash balance in the General Fund on June 30, 1946, was $10,090.04, plus a savings account of $1,981.34, or a total of $12,071.38.

Accounts payable totaled $1,912.22, leaving a net cash balance of $10,159.16.

Contingency Fund

No disbursements were made from this Fund, formerly termed the Medical Defense Fund, during the period. Similarly, the only additions to this Fund consisted of interest received from invested securities and savings deposits, as no allotment to the Fund is now made from members' dues.

During the six-months' period $368.61 was earned on invested securities and savings accounts. The cash balance in the savings account on June 30, 1946, was $7,349.70, as against $2,636.44 on June 30, 1945. Of this increase $4,000.00 was due to the calling of U. S. Treasury bonds contained in our investment portfolio.

Invested Funds

No additional investment of funds was made during the period.

The invested funds of the General Fund on June 30, 1946, consisted of securities which cost $4,565.95.

The invested funds of the Contingency Fund on June 30, 1946, consisted of securities which cost $19,883.45.

Cecil J. Ross,
Treasurer

Special Committee on Dues Revision

Your committee, appointed at the 1945 meeting of the House of Delegates to consider revision of the dues structure of the Oregon State Medical Society, has met and studied the budgets for the years 1945 and 1946 and the tentative expenses for the year 1946.

Various types of dues structures were discussed, such as, for example, dues based on income. None of these was considered practical.

The following recommendations are based on a membership of approximately 1,000 and a projected budget of $22,361. This latter figure does not include expenses incidental to physicial separation of the offices of the Oregon State Medical Society and the Multnomah County Medical Society. Should such a program be consumminated in 1947, additional expense, the amount not at present determinable, will be met by the increase in dues.

We recommend:

1. That war-time assessments of $10 be abolished.

2. That dues for active members be raised to $25.

3. That dues for Junior and Associate members be kept at $10.

BLAIR HOLCOMB, *Chairman*
JOSEPH P. BRENNAN
EDWARD S. MORGAN

4407 *Whereas*: Dr. Spalding has further interested himself in the problems of the medical profession both state and national during his term of office; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the members of the Oregon State Medical Society do hereby individually and collectively express their appreciation and gratitude for an unusually splendid constructive and executive service.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2

Whereas: The activities of the Oregon State Medical Society and its accomplishments are entirely dependent upon, not only the officials in direct charge, but also upon the interest, energy and accomplishments of the respective committees; and

Whereas: The reports of the standing committees as indicated in the compilation presented to the House of Delegates is an expression of the keen interest of these respective committees; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation of the individual and collective efforts of all the members of the respective standing committees appointed by the president.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

Resolution Number 3

Whereas: Dr. Robert L. Benson and Dr. W. W. Baum, at considerable sacrifice of time and effort, did truly and actively interest themselves in the national problem of threatened socialized medicine; and

Whereas: Dr. Benson and Dr. Baum did present before the committee hearing at Washington the views and attitude not only of the physicians at Oregon, but also that of the majority of the physicians of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation for the individual service so ably rendered by these members of our state society.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

Resolution Number 4

Whereas: The Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill is of great concern to the physicians of the United States and of Oregon; and

Whereas: Some of the members of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor exhibited an obvious antagonistic attitude toward the medical profession individually and collectively; and

Whereas: Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri at all times exhibited friendliness, impartiality and interest in obtaining all of the facts; and

Whereas: Senator Donnell by his courteous manner did enable all representatives of the medical profession, and in particular those representing the Oregon State Medical Society, to fairly express their views without interference, embarrassment or intimidation; therefore; be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation, gratitude and admiration of Senator Donnell's attitude and the courtesy that he extended to Drs. Benson and Baum as representatives of this society during the recent investigation by the Committee of which the Senator is a distinguished member.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

Resolution Number 4-a

Whereas: Clatsop County Medical Society did so cordially, graciously and hospitably undertake and carry out the obligations of acting as host for the State Medical

Society at this its Annual Meeting in September, 1946; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its heartfelt pleasure and thanks for the cheery, comfortable and efficient arrangements for this annual session.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

Whereas: The cancer program in the State of Oregon, sponsored by the State Medical Society, is one of vital importance to all the citizens of Oregon as well as the rest of the country and world; and

Whereas: The only hope of its solution and its final eradication lies in an intensive, cooperative and wholehearted effort by both physicians and laity; and

Whereas: The American Cancer Society is now engaged through the activities of the laity and the medical societies in promoting an intensive program to aid in the elimination of cancer; and

Whereas: There is still great need for unity of action by the physicians of the state individually and collectively through the component medical societies; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does express itself as ready and willing to extend through its society as well as the component county societies every possible assistance to Dr. Frank B. Queen in his new undertaking as Director of the Cancer Control Program in the state of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved: That the Committee on Cancer Study of the State Medical Society be augmented by two additional members so as to broaden its representation in the state.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

Whereas: Organized society as represented by the State has assumed responsibility for the health and welfare of indigent citizens; and

Whereas: The State, therefore, and not the poor indigent patient is the beneficiary of the present reduced fee schedule of the Welfare Commission; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Committee on Charitable Medical Care be authorized to confer with the State Public Welfare

Commission for the purpose of readjusting the fee schedule.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7

Whereas: It is detrimental to the long run public interest to have restricted choice of physicians under private contracts between such physicians, industries, companies or organizations; therefore, be it

Resolved: That it shall be the policy of the Oregon State Medical Society to have all contracts for medical service made in and through the profession's own prepaid organization, the Oregon Physicians Service, and not with any private doctor or group of doctors.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8

Whereas: The exigencies of World War II were responsible for the curtailment of the medical educational program of recent graduates in medicine; and

Whereas: Upon their separation from the respective military services these physicians now seek to finish their educational program in increasing numbers; and

Whereas: These ex-service physicians are applying at all available and accredited private hospitals for suitable residencies; and

Whereas: The hospitals, desiring to expand their residencies in order to accommodate these applicants, are put to unusual and extraordinary expense; and

Whereas: The private general hospitals are placed at a disadvantage in arranging contracts for such veterans under the rigid regulations of the Veterans Bureaus; and

Whereas: The subcommittee of the American Medical Association on Veterans Affairs did establish and has recognized residency programs of the G. I. Bill of Rights; and

Whereas: The cumbersome negotiations now necessary between private and public general hospitals and the Veterans Bureau can be materially shortened by the action of the already existing special Committee on Veterans Affairs of the American Medical Association; therefore, be it

Resolved: That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Oregon State Medical Society's Committee on Vet-

erans affairs, the subcommittee of the American Medical Association on Veterans Affairs be immediately petitioned and urged to act as a clearing house and approved agency for programs of medical resident training, submitted to this committee by accredited and standardized private or public hospitals that heretofore have not been recognized as institutions for public instructions and are, therefore, placed at a disadvantage in establishing their eligilibity to negotiate contracts with the Veterans Bureau.

4408 It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9

Whereas: With the present issue the *Service Bulletin* of *Oregon State Medical Society* pronounces its valedictory, while the editor writes with great praise of the contributions made by all those who had anything to do with the bulletin and with great modesty omits to mention the amount of herself that she gave to the work; and

Whereas: The *Bulletin* throughout its existence has carried a personal touch and has exhibited an interest in each man in the service that could not have existed, had it not reflected the attitude of the editor to such an extent that this bulletin has been a labor of love and often has been carried on at great personal effort and sacrifice; therefore, be it

Resolved: That, although those in office during the life of the *Bulletin* have expressed their appreciation, the Oregon State Medical Society express by letter its thanks to Mrs. G. B. McLean, the editor, and that this resolution be incorporated in the Oregon Section of NORTHWEST MEDICINE to serve as a permanent record; and be it further

Resolved: That Mrs. Lois Douglas, Mrs. Joseph Haslinger, Miss Madge Ellis and Miss Mary Edwards, who so ably and willingly assisted Mrs. McLean in publishing the *Bulletin*, be commended for their services and that the State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10

Whereas: Dr. John Fitzgibbon has served so industriously, efficiently and energetically as a Trustee of the American Medical Association in all of its widespread activities; and

Whereas: He has at great personal sacrifice interested himself in both state and national problems of the medical profession; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its regard and appreciation for the courageous and faithful manner in which he is carrying out the tremendous task his duties impose upon him.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11

Whereas: United States Senators Wayne L. Morse and Guy Cordon did extend every courtesy to Drs. Robert L. Benson and W. W. Baum in their appearance before the Wagner - Murray - Dingell bill investigating committee; Therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation to Senators Morse and Cordon for obtaining the opportunity of representation of the Society at the hearing.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12

Whereas: Raymond M. McKeown did serve energetically and intensively at his first appearance as an Alternate Delegate at the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Oregon State Medical Society does hereby express its appreciation for the efficient service rendered.

It was voted that this resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13

Whereas: It has become apparent that weaknesses existing in the field of medical service today form one of the great reasons why attempts to alter the nature of medical practice not in the public interest enjoy a measure of success; and

Whereas: The continuation of these weaknesses will continue to encourage and prolong these efforts; and

Whereas: The existence of private industrial and commercial contracts with individuals or groups of doctors is not in the best public interest in that it restricts or tends

to restrict the free choice of doctor by the patient; therefore, be it

Resolved: That it is the policy of the Oregon State Medical Society that all industrial and commercial contracts with individual doctors or limited groups of doctors are not in the public interest and that all such contracts should, instead, take the form of a general contract with an entity of the profession which bears the approval of the Medical Service Bureau of the American Medical Association for such purposes of prepaid care.

It was voted that this resolution be referred to the Council for further study.

FRANK R. MENNE, *Chairman*
LESLIE S. KENT
J. P. BRENNAN

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted a report recommending a change in the provisions of the By-Laws relating to life membership. It was voted that this report be referred to the Council for further study and report at the mid-year meeting of the House.

E. D. Lamb discussed the action of the House, at its midyear meeting on April 6-7, in voting to recommend to the members of the Society that a minimum fee of $7.50 be charged for life insurance examinations. Following extended discussion, it was voted to refer the question of the charge for life insurance examinations to the Council for further study and report at the midyear meeting of the House.

Frank E. Fowler, President of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, presented a report of the work of the Board. Lorienne M. Conlee, Executive Secretary of the Board, presented a financial report.

Report of Nominating Committee

Your Committee recommends the following nominees for the offices to be filled at this session:

President-Elect.....James C. Hayes, Medford
First Vice-President.....J. E. Buckley, Portland
Second Vice-President.....Carl H. Phetteplace, Eugene
Third Vice-President.....Mar W. Hemingway, Bend
Secretary.....Thomas S. Saunders, Portland
Treasurer.....Cecil J. Ross, Portland

Speaker of the House of Delegates,
Blair Holcomb, Portland

Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates,
Charles P. Wilson, Portland

Councilors for three-year term ending in 1949:

First District.....J. Milton Murphy, Portland

Fifth District.....R. Wayne Esperson, Klamath Falls

Seventh District.....William J. Weese, Ontario

At-Large, representing the University of Oregon Medical School.....Charles N. Holman, Portland

Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association to complete term of Raymond M. McKeown, Coos Bay, ending in 1947.....W. W. Baum, Salem

Delegate to the American Medical Association for two-year term ending in 1948,
Raymond M. McKeown, Coos Bay

Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Association for two-year term ending in 1948,
Karl H. Martzloff, Portland

JOHN D. RANKIN, *Chairman*
LESLIE S. KENT
JOHN P. CLELAND
C. W. MCCAIN

It was voted that this report be adopted for submission to the Society.

John D. Rankin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee had voted to nominate Edward H. McLean of Oregon City to succeed himself as a member of the Committee on Publication for the three-year term ending in 1949.

It was voted that the nominations be closed, the rules suspended, and the Secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. McLean. He was thereupon declared elected.

At 9:00 a.m. the House adjourned sine die.

THOMAS S. SAUNDERS, *Secretary*

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OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

MID-YEAR MEETING
PORTLAND
APRIL 12, 1947

MORNING SESSION

The opening session of the House of Delegates was called to order by Speaker Blair Holcomb at 8:30 A. M., in the Tyrolean Room of the Hotel Benson.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present: Stanley Lamb, President; L. M. Spalding, Past-President; James C. Hayes, President-Elect; J. E. Buckley, First Vice-President; Max W. Hemingway, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Blair Holcomb, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles P. Wilson, Vice-speaker of the House of Delegates; Councilors Frank R. Menne, J. Milton Murphy, John P. Cleland, J. V. Straumfjord, B. R. Shoemaker, R. Wayne Esperson, W. J. Weese, and Charles N. Holman; Edward H. McLean and Raymond M. McKeown, Delegates to the American Medical Association; and John H. Fitzgibbon, Trustee of the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present: W. H. Fortner of Corvallis, Benton County Medical Society; Lorence B. Evers of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; James F. Dinsmore of Canby, Clackamas County Medical Society; R. W. Sleeter of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; Paul W. Sharp and Merle H. Swanson of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; W. H. Chapman of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; H. R. Kauffman of Toledo, Lincoln County Medical Society; Lyle M. Bain of

Albany, Linn County Medical Society; F. K. Power of Salem, Marion-Polk County Medical Society; Stanley Wells of Hood River, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; Carl G. Ashley, Wilbur M. Bolton, Morris L. Bridgeman, E. Murray Burns, E. G. Chuinard, Charles E. Gurney, Willard F. Hollenbeck, Kenneth P. Lancefield, Gordon B. Leitch, Leo J. Meienberg, Luther T. Nelson, Forrest E. Rieke, William A. Shea, R. H. Swinney and B. O. Woods of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society; A. O. Pitman of Hillsboro, Washington County Medical Society; and W. W. Heringer of McMinnville, Yamhill County Medical Society.

T. L. Hyde of The Dalles, Robert L. Benson and Courtland L. Booth of Portland, Lorienne M. Conlee, Legislative Counsel and the executive secretary were also present.

Committee on State Industrial Affairs

The Council at its meeting on December 7, 1946, authorized and directed the Committee on State Industrial Affairs to request the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission to adopt a revised medical fee schedule that would provide an average increase of 35 per cent in the fees.

Shortly thereafter, the Committee addressed a letter to every member of the Society, asking his opinions with respect to any existing fees which he thought were especially inequitable in relation to other fees and soliciting his suggestions concerning any other aspects of the medical care of employees under the State Workmen's Compensation Law. A substantial number of replies were received.

The Committee also obtained the fee schedules of all the other state industrial accident commissions and workmen's compensation boards which promulgate such schedules.

The Committee then reviewed the existing fee schedule item by item and established suggested changes. In preparing its recommended revisions, the Committee utilized the assistance of a number of representative men in general practice and in the specialties of surgery, orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, urology, ophthalmology and otolaryngology, radiology, and clinical pathology.

In its revisions, the Committee constantly kept in mind the following factors:

1. The establishment of more equitable fees for the common minor injuries, which comprise the major part of industrial accident work and are cared for largely by the general physician.

2. The need of more adequate fees for the common fractures which have always been disproportionately low.

3. The elimination of obvious inequalities in the fees for services of comparable difficulty.

After the Committee had completed its revision, a meeting with the Commission was held. At this meeting, no attempt was made to discuss the schedule in detail, although the Commission implied that it would give consideration to an upward revision. It was agreed that detailed discussion of the proposed schedule would be carried on by an interim committee consisting of C. L. Booth, Joe B. Davis, and Forrest E. Rieke, representing the Committee, and Wilmer C. Smith, Chief Medical Adviser, and F. I. Brown, Supervisor of the Claims Division, representing the Commission. This interim committee held a series of meetings at the office of the Commission in Salem. The representatives of the Commission prepared a work sheet showing in parallel columns the present fees, the Committee's proposed fees, and the fees proposed by the Commission. Each item was then reviewed and discussed and a tentative fee agreed upon.

Representatives of the Commission were very considerate in these discussions and fees were agreed upon without an undue amount of controversy until the final section of the schedule relating to x-ray service was reached.

The x-ray schedule proposed by the Committee contained only minor revisions and was substantially similar to the existing schedule. However, the representatives of the Commission expressed great concern over the increase in the costs of x-ray service as shown in the following table which they submitted:

4411 *Committee on Charges for Life Insurance Examinations*

(Adopted by the Council for submission to the House of Delegates on March 1, 1947)

The Committee received a communication dated December 3, 1946 from the insurance companies' representatives signed by Mr. W. C. Schuppel. In this communication it was stressed that the prevailing life insurance examination fee of $5.00 compared favorably with the fees paid by the State Industrial Accident Commission, Oregon Physicians' Service and other private hospital associations.

Comparison was also made with the fee paid for marriage license examination.

Their letter expressed the opinion that the proposed increase in fees had an important public relations aspect and that an insistence on a fifty per cent increase in examination fees would "add fuel to the flames of discontent and create the unfortunate impression that the doctors are willingly contributing to the present inflationary spiral which threatens our economy." It was furthermore pointed out that insurance companies had contributed much to research in heart ailments and cancer and also to the success of young physicians in getting started during their lean years. They offered the following as a compromise solution in this first communication:

"1. We recognize that there is justice in the complaint that some medical blanks are too complicated and need revision. Instead of quarreling over the size of the fee, let us appoint a committee and revise the blanks to our mutual satisfaction. There is nothing impossible in this to overcome and it can be done.

"2. It is possible that some individual companies may be out of line in their demands on the doctor. Let us get them in line. We can. We are sure they will be reasonable.

"3. Possibly some agents are unreasonable in their demands, and we can straighten them out, too. We know at times some of them try to usurp the doctors' privileges, but this can be corrected.

"4. Some companies may ask for services gratis, but these constitute less than one per cent and we can take care of them."

Commenting upon this communication, it was pointed out by your committee that the comparisons made by the insurance representatives were erroneous in many important particulars and especially in regard to the length of time required in the examinations cited compared with the time necessary for regular life insurance examinations. It was also pointed out that both the Oregon Physicians' Service schedule and that of the State Industrial Accident Commission were undergoing upward revision.

Insurance underwriting is a business and should bear the expense of its operation. It has no call on gratuitous service of physicians. The suggestion that insurance com-

panies might be forced to seek other ways of circumventing medical fees did not seem very cogent because it is felt that insurance companies have employed physicians as examiners only because it was profitable to do so.

It was concluded from a comparison of prevailing fees in medical practice that a fee of $7.50 for present standard examination would not seem to be unreasonable.

Members of your committee met with insurance representatives on January 4 and February 1. Insurance companies were represented by Mr. W. C. Schuppel, Mr. John Adams and Dr. Otis B. Wight. These representatives stated that they were sure that life insurance companies would not pay more than $5.00 for a regular insurance examination, nor would they change their blanks materially. They did, however, propose a fee schedule covering other phases of insurance examinations. It was brought out that previously there has been no definite fee schedule for many of those examinations. Most companies have paid $2.00 for a heart blank. Some have a modified heart chart on the examination blank and do not pay extra for its completion. At present only a few pay $2.50 to $3.00 for completion of a heart blank. Most companies now pay $1.00 to $2.00 for information from attending physicians, and many companies pay nothing for an extra urine specimen sent to the home office.

The proposition that a nurse-secretary write in a part of the insurance form was opposed by the great majority of the insurance companies who have $5,000,000.00 or more insurance in force in the state. The objection is a legal one in case suit was brought about the policy. The smaller companies favored the writing in by nurse or secretary but each one would require a certification from the examiner.

It was pointed out that a third to a half of the major insurance companies had modified their insurance blanks the last three years.

It is estimated that this suggested increase in fee schedule would bring the cost of an insurance examination close to $7.50. The present cost of examination is somewhat over $6.00 in the case of the Standard Insurance Co.

There are thirty-eight insurance companies in Oregon which have an insurance in force of $5,000,000.00 or more, although there are some seventy-eight companies writing insurance.

There were about 36,000 policies written in 1945 for a total insurance of about $97,000,000.00, thus averaging about $2,700.00 per policy. Almost 4,000 fraternal policies were written with an average policy value of about $1,100.00 during the same time. From this information it is possible to calculate roughly the increase in physicians' income resulting from an increase in fees for insurance examinations. A $2.50 increase for a year similar to 1945 would amount to an increase in income of $100,000.00 to physicians making insurance examinations. It is estimated by the insurance representatives who appeared at our meeting that there were some two hundred physicians making insurance examinations in Oregon. This income would then average about $500.00 a year per examiner. With the acceptance of the increase in fee schedule proposed by the insurance companies' representatives the average increase per examiner would be approximately $200.00.

Your Committee would like to make the following observations on this problem of insurance examination fees:

1. It is contrary to medical tradition and the prevailing concept of professional freedom in regard to professional fees, to attempt any type of coercion upon our membership. We resist and resent the dictation of nonmedical organizations in respect to our fees. It would not seem proper to deny the right of the individual physician to perform insurance examinations for $5.00 if he so desires. There should be no other deterrent than the knowledge that other physicians may have the opinion that the fee should be $7.50.

2. In order to enforce the $2.50 increase upon the insurance companies it is prerequisite that the insurance companies require examinations by physicians as they have in the past and that all the members of the medical fraternity "stay in line." We possess control over neither factor nor do we desire such control, we believe, if it were possible.

3. It is generally recognized by physicians that the quality of insurance examinations is not of the same excellence as other types of medical practice. The insurance companies and the medical profession in general have no control over the quality of the examinations, nor does the Council. The insurance representatives have repeatedly pointed out that an increase in the fee does not guarantee an improvement in the quality of the examinations.

4. It is estimated that there are about two hundred examining physicians in the state. With $2.50 increase in examination fee the average increase in income per examining physician without consideration of income taxes is about $500.00 for a year similar to 1945. The proposal of the insurance companies would increase examiners' income about one third of that amount.

Although it is maintained that a fee of $7.50 for a properly made regular life insurance examination is reasonable and not out of harmony with fees for other types of medical practice, it is the opinion of your committee that an attempt to *enforce* such a fee is unwise from the professional and public relations standpoint. They also believe that much more groundwork is necessary and that the interest of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association should be actively encouraged in this problem. It is also our opinion that insurance forms are, in general, unnecessarily detailed, unnecessarily diversified and reflect in many instances the whims of medical directors rather than need for scientific data.

4412 Your Committee, accordingly, makes the following recommendations:

1. That for the time being the following fee schedule as proposed by insurance company representatives be accepted:

Examination Fee	$ 5.00
Accident and Health Insurance Examination Fee	5.00
Examination Fee with Heart Blank if required by company's rules	7.00
Heart blank requested by company subsequent to examination	3.00
Additional Blood Pressure Readings, including Additional Exercise Test, not made at time of examination	2.00
Special Urine sent to Home Office, requested by company	1.00
Statement of Attending Physician	3.00
Medical Health Certificate	3.00
E.K.G. and Interpretation made at company's request	7.50
6-Foot Chest Film requested by company	10.00

2. That a committee of the Council of the medical society be appointed

(a) to work in cooperation with representatives of insurance companies for the enforcement of schedule above;

(b) to continue attempts at revision and standardization of insurance forms and

(c) to persist in efforts to make insurance examinations more mutually satisfactory to physicians and medical directors of insurance companies.

J. V. STRAUMFJORD,
Chairman.

Following extended general discussion, it was voted that this report and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, except that the fee of $10.00 for a 6-Foot Chest Film requested by Company be changed to provide that the fee for an AP film only be $7.50, and for AP and lateral films, $12.00.

Committee on Public Policy

The activities of the present year comprise one of the most serious epochs that the profession of the state has passed through in its history. Along with the vicissitudes of post-war reconstruction, including the most difficult problem of relocation of the many returning veterans, we have been faced with an unusually critical roster of medical and public health measures in the State Legislature. In the meantime, from the new Congress has come the continued threat of drastic medical practice acts which challenge the time-honored freedom of the healing arts.

Your Committee has met on many occasions, together with the president, your executive staff, your legislative counsel, and various members of the profession and others whose advice was deemed helpful. Recommendations were made to your Council on the various medical bills. One highly gratifying social get-together was effected to meet the Governor, other state officials and important members of both Houses of the Legislature. Many physicians throughout the state have offered valuable service in contacting their local senators and representatives and presenting the issues. The result of all these activities has in general been most encouraging as regards state legislation.

Important national health measures are still pending in Washington. Public hearings have not yet been held on these, but may start at any time, and may require that we send at least one witness from the state. Most impor-

tant of these bills are S. 545 of Taft, Smith, Bail and Donnell; S. 140 of Fulbright and Taft; and H. R. 605 of Miller, Nebraska. These have had considerable study, and S. 545 has probably been favored most by the Committee, although not yet passed upon authoritatively by the A. M. A.

In the meantime, your Committee has endeavored to keep the profession of the state informed by supplying certain tracts and brochures which point out the dangers to free medical practice emanating from certain individuals in the Social Security Administration; likewise, the threat contained in the various pending measures.

Before proceeding to a detailed enumeration of the results accomplished in furthering or opposing the medical bills acted upon in the recent session of the State Legislature, it is but fair to state that your Committee, limited in available time, could have accomplished little by itself. It has been aided beyond measure by the untiring efforts of our Executive Secretary, Mr. Clyde C. Foley, of our Legislative Counsel, Miss Lorienne M. Conlee, and by the individual cooperation of the President, the Council and a large number of members throughout the state. We should commend our only medical member of the Legislature, F. H. Dammasch, for the valuable work he performed as Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and on the Committee on Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry. It is suggested that a suitable expression of appreciation be made.

ROBERT L. BENSON,
Chairman.

Dr. Benson introduced Lorienne M. Conlee, Legislative Counsel. Miss Conlee presented the following report:

BILLS ENACTED AND DEFEATED AT THE 1947 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

The following is a succinct report containing only the legal intendment of the legislation without detailed background or history of course pursued in the legislature. Although the entire program of the Board of Health was actively supported, the following contains only such of that program as is of particular interest to the profession or was most actively supported. It must be noted that some legislation is not listed which was watched carefully for amendment that might have affected the profession and also that some legislation is listed which was neither

supported or opposed but which may be of interest to the profession.

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4414 W. H. Chapman extended an invitation to the one-day meeting of the Central Willamette Medical Society to be held on April 26 at Eugene.

At 12 noon, it was voted to adjourn until 2:00 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was called to order by Vice-Speaker Charles P. Wilson at 2:00 p.m., in the Tyrolean Room of the Hotel Benson.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present: Stanley Lamb, President; L. M. Spalding, Past-President; James C. Hayes, President-Elect; J. E. Buckley, First Vice-President; Max W. Hemingway, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Blair Holcomb, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles P. Wilson, Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates; Councilors Frank R. Menne, J. Milton Murphy, John P. Cleland, J. V. Straumfjord, B. R. Shoemaker, R. Wayne Esperson, W. J. Weese and Charles N. Holman; Edward H. McLean and Raymond M. McKeown, Delegates to the American Medical Association; and John H. Fitzgibbon, Trustee of the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present: W. H. Fortner of Corvallis, Benton County Medical Society; Lorence B. Evers of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; James F. Dinsmore of Canby, Clackamas County Medical Society; R. W. Sleeter of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; Paul W. Sharp and Merle H. Swanson of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; W. H. Chapman of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; H. R. Kauffman of Toledo, Lincoln County Medical Society; Lyle M. Bain of Albany, Linn County Medical Society; F. K. Power of Salem, Marion-Polk County Medical Society; Stanley Wells of Hood River, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; Carl G. Ashley, Wilbur M. Bolton, Morris L. Bridgeman, E. Murray Burns, Ira E. Gaston, Charles E. Garney, Wil-

lard F. Hollenbeck, Kenneth P. Lancefield, Gordon B. Leitch, Leo J. Meienberg, Luther T. Nelson, Forrest E. Rieke, William A. Shea, R. H. Swinney, and B. O. Woods of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society; A. O. Pitman of Hillsboro, Washington County Medical Society; and W. W. Heringer of McMinnville, Yamhill County Medical Society.

W. W. Baum of Salem, T. L. Hyde of The Dalles, Courtland L. Booth, Karl H. Martzloff, Frank Perlman, Leon A. Goldsmith, and Harold M. Erickson of Portland, Willard C. Marshall, Kenneth G. Manning and Joseph E. Harvey, Jr., of the Oregon Physicians' Service, Lorienne M. Conlee, Legislative Counsel, and the Executive Secretary were also present.

Committee on Malpractice

Karl H. Martzloff, chairman of the Committee on Malpractice, reviewed the experience under the Society's plan with the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company from its inception in 1934 to the close of 1946. He pointed out that the experience necessitated an increase of 100 per cent in rates effective November 1, 1946, raising the base rate for $5,000-15,000 limits from $30.00 to $60.00. Dr. Martzloff called attention to the recent improvement in the loss ratio and the prospect of a decrease in rates next year.

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Committee on Charitable Medical Care

At the 1945 Session, the Legislature amended the law relating to old age assistance by removing the ceiling of $40.00 per month on payments to recipients of this assistance, i.e., the group over sixty-five years of age. Since that time, monthly grants have been made on the basis of need and, apart from this test, have been limited only by the amount of funds available. The funds for old age assistance are one-half state and county, and one-half federal.

Prior to this change in the law, the costs of medical care of this old age group were met either by a supplementary grant to the recipient, who then paid the physician, or by direct provision through an individual requisition issued by the county public welfare commission.

In the latter case, the physician was compensated directly by the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission on the basis of a special low fee schedule prepared in cooperation

with our Committee and approved by the Council. In either event, the costs of the medical care were borne by the State and Counties without any contribution by the federal government.

When the Legislature removed the ceiling of $40.00 per month, the State Public Welfare Commission proposed that, so far as possible, the costs of the medical care of the old age assistance group be included in the monthly grant, especially in the case of recipients suffering from chronic diseases where the amount of care required is reasonably predictable. In proposing this change, the Commission had two purposes in mind: first, to obtain a larger amount of money for old age assistance from the federal government which will only match State and County funds when payment from such joint funds is made directly to the client; and, second, in order that the costs of medical care would be reflected in computing the amount of the average monthly grant.

4415 The average monthly grant is subject to constant comparison with that of other states and its increase is the object of much political pressure.

In its 1945 report, the Committee submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted by the House of Delegates:

1. That the inclusion of the costs of medical care for recipients of old age assistance in their monthly grants be approved.

2. That the monthly allowance to such recipients for the care of chronic diseases not requiring hospitalization be based upon payment to the physician for diagnostic procedures according to the prevailing fee schedule; plus a maximum payment to the physician of $10.00 for the first month of care and $5.00 for each subsequent month, except in cases where a need for special care is shown, these monthly payments to include drugs dispensed by the physician or injected intravenously, intramuscularly, or intradermally, except when insulin, liver extract, unusually large amounts of morphine, or other expensive medication is required; plus a maximum monthly allowance of $2.00 for prescribed drugs, except when special medication is necessary.

This plan has been working satisfactorily, except for the difficulty that some physicians are prescribing new drugs and drugs whose therapeutic value has not been established,

which are costly and materially increase the amounts allotted for medical care in the monthly grants.

The State Public Welfare Commission submitted a budget of $51,000,000 for the 1947-49 biennium, of which $26,000,000 was to be derived from state funds, and approximately $25,000,000 from federal and county funds. The Legislature reduced this proposed appropriation to $44,000,000, of which $26,000,000 are State funds.

While the Legislature reduced the proposed budget for the 1947-49 biennium from $51,000,000 to $44,000,000, nevertheless the latter figure is $14,000,000 greater than the $30,000,000 budget for 1945-47. However, this reduction in the proposed budget makes it necessary for the Commission to materially curtail its expenditures which, because of the increase in the relief load, have been at the $51,000,000 level.

While the costs of medical care, most of which are incurred for hospitalization, comprise a relatively small percentage of the total welfare expenditures, a substantial limitation of the medical care program is now required. The current annual expenditure for medical care is about $1,000,000. It will be necessary to reduce this expenditure materially during the coming biennium.

Following a conference with our Committee, the Director of the Medical Division made the following recommendations which were adopted by the Commission on March 28, 1947.

1. Effective by May 1, 1947, all monies in grants to recipients as assistance for medical care be discontinued.

2. All prescriptions issued before March 15 be no longer refilled.

3. All prescriptions issued after April 1 be refilled only once.

4. All cases in nursing homes be re-investigated.

5. No cases be accepted for medical assistance only.

The State Public Welfare Commission further recommended that in all cases where a grant was discontinued the recipient be permitted to be re-examined by his physician and that the physician then make a recommendation based on current medical needs. The cases which seem most urgent are to be referred first so that the load on the physician will not be too heavy at one time.

In conference with our Committee, it was also decided that physicians be urged to consider the needs of recipients in the light of the necessity of curtailing all phases of the program so that the Commission will be able to meet need where it is the greatest. It was suggested that only absolutely essential drugs be prescribed, and that wherever possible, service that is not imperative be not recommended. It was specifically suggested that all biologicals, proprietary drugs, vitamins, except in cases of acute vitamin deficiency, be eliminated and that prescribed drugs be limited to those of established therapeutic value, using the University of Oregon Medical School Outpatient Clinic Formulary as a guide.

Under date of April 4, 1947, the Commission addressed a letter to the physicians of the state informing them of these revisions in the medical care program and soliciting their cooperation.

At the 1946 Session, the House of Delegates adopted a resolution authorizing the Committee to confer with the Commission for the purpose of readjusting the fee schedule. The Committee has given consideration to the possible revision of the fee schedule, but in view of the limitations placed on the medical care program by the budget authorized by the Legislature, it appears that it is not feasible to effect a revision at this time.

FRANK PERLMAN,
Chairman

Leon A. Goldsmith, Director of the Division of Medical Care of the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission, discussed this report.

J. E. Buckley called attention to the fact that all special fee schedules adopted by various governmental agencies to apply to medical services rendered to particular classes of persons, whether in collaboration with the Society or not, are utilized by other governmental agencies and by commercial insurance companies to depress the compensation of physicians. He expressed the opinion that there should be a single standard fee schedule representing the reasonable value of the services and that appropriate discounts should be allowed in the case of services rendered to the indigent and other special classes of persons whose status justified reduced fees.

Frank Perlman, Chairman of the Committee on Charitable Medical Care, stated that the Committee would be glad to consider Dr. Buckley's suggestion.

John H. Fitzgibbon expressed the opinion that the medical profession should care for the indigent without compensation.

It was voted that the report of the Committee on Charitable Medical Care and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

John H. Fitzgibbon, Trustee of the American Medical Association, pointed out that the general practitioner was faced with a number of current problems, especially the lack of opportunities for postgraduate training and the absence of hospital staff membership or restricted hospital staff privileges. He expressed the opinion that medical organization should assume a positive attitude toward improving the situation of the general practitioner. He stated that he had proposed that the Committee on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association make a study of these problems, but that it was more effective to approach them locally. Dr. Fitzgibbon expressed the opinion that the Oregon State Medical Society and its component societies should support the general practitioner by assisting him to obtain postgraduate instruction and hospital staff membership. It was voted that the Committee on Medical Education and Hospitals be requested to study and submit recommendations at the 1947 Session concerning the problems of the general practitioner, especially with respect to opportunities for postgraduate training and hospital staff membership, and that the membership of the Committee be increased from three to seven members for this purpose.

W. J. Weese, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Medical Service, reported that the Oregon State Grange desired the Society to submit a definite plan of prepaid medical care for members of the Grange and their families for presentation at its annual meeting in June. It was voted that this report be laid upon the table until the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians' Service concerning prepaid medical care for farm groups were considered.

W. W. Baum outlined his ideas concerning the extension of the present program of prepaid medical care of the Oregon Physicians' Service. He urged that a committee consisting of representatives of the Society and various professional and lay representatives be established to study the extension of prepaid medical service. It was moved and seconded that the organization of a committee consisting of representatives of the Society and various professional

and lay organizations be sponsored to study programs of prepaid medical care for the people of Oregon. This motion was defeated.

L. M. Spalding, member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians' Service, reported that, in accordance with the action of the Council at its February meeting, the Board was preparing a revised fee schedule.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to add the furnishing of medical services for hospitalized cases under Surgical and Hospital Coverage Contracts, without change in other benefits or rates at this time."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to offer full coverage employe group medical and hospital service to employed groups containing from four to ten participants each, with benefits and rates to be the same as those provided for standard employe group contracts, excepting that all such contracts for small groups shall stipulate one hundred per cent participation and also the salary deduction method for collection of monthly dues; and to offer supplemental family coverage, with standard benefits, rates and percentage requirements to these groups."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to offer to responsible, established rural groups a plan whereby standard full coverage medical and hospital coverage is provided for heads of families and standard surgical and hospital coverage contracts or standard hospitalization contracts are provided to participating family members; the benefits and rates applicable to these rural group contracts to be the same as those currently effective for industrial employe groups and supplemental family coverage contracts; a registration fee of $1.00 for each family to be charged and quarterly payments to be required."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

It was voted that the report of the Committee on Rural Medical Service be taken from the table. It was voted that

the Committee on Rural Medical Service be authorized to offer the plan contained in this recommendation to the Oregon State Grange.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to offer medical and hospital coverage to employed individuals at the premium rate of $3.50 per month, with advance quarterly payment requirements, an initial registration fee of $1.00 to be required for each individual subscriber; benefits under this proposed contract to be the same as those furnished under the standard employe group full coverage contract excepting for the following changes: the first call by the physician in each case to be the liability of the patient; hospitalization for each case to be limited to sixty days of full service and an additional sixty days for which Oregon Physicians' Service shall defray one-half of the cost; no dental services to be furnished; and to offer supplemental family coverage at the standard level of rates and benefits to such employed individuals, an initial registration fee of $0.50 to be charged for each participating family member."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to offer contracts for surgical and hospital coverage on a standard benefit basis to individuals at the rate of $2.25 per month, with advance quarterly dues payments and with a $1.00 registration fee for each such individual; head-of-family individuals to have the privilege of extending the benefits of the surgical and hospital coverage contract to their families, with standard rates and benefits, and with a registration fee of $0.50 for each additional family member."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That the offering of coverage to railroad and other interstate employes by Oregon Physicians' Service be approved in principle. Coverage for such employes should be similar to that now being rendered to employes of industrial concerns. However, no specific rates and benefits are recommended at this time, for the reason that some unusual

requirements of interstate carriers must be considered carefully prior to the formulation of any final offering."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

Dr. Spalding presented the following recommendation of the Board:

"That Oregon Physicians' Service be authorized to study coverage for certain wards of the State of Oregon, as recommended by an Interim Committee of the State Legislature, any specific proposal to await the receipt of further details."

It was voted that this recommendation be adopted.

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EDITORIALS

THE OREGON ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting of Oregon State Medical Society at Portland last month was of unusual interest as indicated by the large registration of those in attendance. The scientific program of papers covered vital subjects of interest to all medical practitioners. Older members of the profession were impressed by the fact that the authors of these papers were largely representative of the younger generation of medical men, in accordance with the natural evolution of human events. It is a satisfaction to note this indication of participation in the latest advancements of medical science.

A specially interesting feature of the program comprised papers by the guest speakers, including from California Drs. Lisser, Sweet and Miller, with Dr. Harkins from University of Washington School of Medicine. All of these men presented papers on interesting and vital topics, some of them including discussions from the audience.

An important and interesting feature of these meetings is the 7-9 breakfast of the House of Delegates which was

instituted some years ago by this state society, and has likewise been adopted by Idaho State Medical Association, Being scheduled for three mornings, it provides opportunity for reading of reports and discussing many important problems with time for adoption of final conclusions.

A feature of one of these breakfasts was an address by Dr. W. W. Bauer, A. M. A. Director of Bureau of Health Education, who discussed public relations. He emphasized the fact that the individual physician is the most important factor in determination of friendly relations between the medical profession and the public, since hostility against the individual physician or the profession as a whole commonly results from errors on the part of the doctor making excessive charges for services who refuses freely to discuss the matter, as well as the medical man who is indifferent to the baffled patient or is reluctant to establish cordial relations with those seeking medical information. If complications of this character were eliminated, public relations affecting the medical profession would be greatly improved to the advantage of both the practitioner and the general public.

While many social events were enjoyed by individual groups, the annual banquet was the chief occasion of this character, attended by a very large number of doctors and their wives. The feature of this occasion was the address by Dr. Raymond B. Allen, President of the University of Washington, who discussed "Medicine and Our Changing Times." He called special attention to the extraordinary advances in medical science during recent years, the most important of which have occurred during the life periods of some of our older physicians. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of the individual physician participating in civil affairs, especially those relating to the practice of medicine. Great benefit would result, both to the medical profession and the general public, if more physicians would take advantage of participation in these forms of public service.

Annual meetings of the Oregon State Medical Society are regularly held in the University of Oregon Medical School on Marquam Hill, where adequate provisions are readily available for scientific meetings and numerous exhibits. As always occurs with these meetings, those in attendance will retain happy recollections associated with this year's assembly.

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4418 MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Held at Portland, Oregon

September 4-6, 1947

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

First Session

Thursday, September 4

The opening session of the House of Delegates was called to order by Speaker Blair Holcomb at 7:00 a.m., in the Junior Ballroom of the Hotel Multnomah.

Speaker Holcomb announced the appointment of the Committee on Credentials as follows: Thomas S. Saunders, Chairman; R. H. Swinney and Robert T. Boals.

On roll-call, the following members of the Council were present:

Stanley Lamb, President; James C. Hayes, President-Elect; J. E. Buckley, First Vice-President; Max W. Hemingway, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Blair Holcomb, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles P. Wilson, Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates; Councilors Frank R. Menne, J. Milton Murphy, R. Wayne Esperson, William J. Weese, Leslie S. Kent, and Charles N. Holman; and Edward H. McLean and Raymond M. McKeown, Delegates to the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present: J. D. Rankin of Coquille, Coos and Curry County Medical Society; A. N. Johnson of Roseburg, Douglas County Medical Society; L. D. Inskeep of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; M. E. Corthell of Grant's Pass, Josephine County Medical Society; W. H. Chapman of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; Lyle M. Bain of Albany; Linn County Medical Society; F. K. Power and Gussie A. Niles of Salem, Marion-Polk Medical Society; Robert T. Boals of The Dalles, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; Carl G. Ashley, Wilbur M. Bolton, Morris L. Bridgeman, E. Murray Burns, E. G. Chuinard, Ira E. Gaston, Charles E. Garney, Kenneth P. Lancefield, Gordon B. Leitch, Leo J. Meienberg, Luther T. Nelson, Forrest E. Rieke, William A. Shea, and R. H. Swinney of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; R. E. Ringo of Tillamook, Tillamook County Med-

ical Society; and Weston W. Heringer of McMinnville, Yamhill County Medical Society.

Bradford N. Pease of Bend, E. D. Lamb and G. A. Massey of Klamath Falls, T. H. Hyde of The Dalles, and Courtland L. Booth, Jessie Laird Brodie, Matthew C. Riddle, and Matthew W. Stevens of Portland were also present.

The executive secretary was also present.

Thomas S. Saunders, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that, in the absence of the regularly elected delegates from certain component societies, the following members were present and eligible to be seated:

Bradford N. Pease of Bend, Central Oregon Medical Society; E. D. Lamb and G. A. Massey of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; and Courtland L. Booth, Jessie Laird Brodie, Matthew C. Riddle, and Matthew W. Stevens of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society. These members were seated by vote of the House.

Speaker Holcomb announced the appointment of the following committees:

Reference Committee on Reports of Committees and Officers: Charles E. Gurney, Chairman, J. P. Brennan, and W. J. Weese.

Resolutions: Frank R. Menne, Chairman, Max W. Hemingway, and F. K. Power.

A letter from B. R. Shoemaker of Roseburg, submitting his resignation as Councilor for the Fourth District, was read. It was voted that B. R. Shoemaker's resignation as Councilor for the Fourth District be accepted with great regret and that appreciation be expressed for his splendid service.

Speaker Holcomb announced that a Nominating Committee of five members was to be elected by the House. Raymond M. McKeown, M. E. Corthell, Morris L. Bridgeman, J. Milton Murphy, and Max W. Hemingway were nominated. No further nominations were made. Thereupon, it was voted that these nominees be elected.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Report of the Secretary

Your Secretary submits the following report for the past year, including a summary of the principal actions of the Council.

The status of our membership as of September 1, 1947, is as follows:

Active	1,046
Junior	17
Associate	60
Life	24
Honorary	11
	1,158

This result represents a gain in membership of 175 members over the total of 985 on our roster on September 1, 1946.

The Council discharged its duties in the earnest and conscientious fashion which has long characterized this body. Normally, meetings are not held during the vacation months of July and August, but this year the Council held to a schedule of monthly meetings throughout the summer to consider important problems and to keep in motion the planning of a public relations program which was begun following the midyear meeting of the House of Delegates in April.

The following summary indicates the major actions of the Council:

1. Voted to go on record as being in full agreement with the action of the House of Delegates in recommending to the members of the Society that a minimum charge of $7.50 be made for life insurance examinations, that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of three members to confer with representatives of the life insurance companies and that this committee be requested to present a report at the March, 1947, meeting.

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5. Authorized and directed the Committee on State Industrial Affairs to request the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission to adopt a revised fee schedule that will provide an average increase of 35 per cent in the fees.

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7. Authorized the President to appoint a committee of three members to investigate the sending of injured employees under the protection of the Oregon State Workmen's Compensation Law outside the state for hospital and medical service and to present a report at the February meeting.

8. Nominated Irvin R. Fox and Carl H. Phetteplace of Eugene, and Harvey A. Woods of Ashland for the consideration of Governor Earl Snell in making the appointment to the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners for the five-year term ending on February 28, 1952.

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9. Designated W. J. Weese, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Medical Service, as the representative of the Society at the Second Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Rural Health sponsored by the American Medical Association.

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14. Voted that a reasonable number of the pamphlets, "Voluntary Health Insurance vs. Compulsory Sickness Insurance" and "Check and Double Check," be obtained for distribution to members and the public on request.

15. Approved a bill providing for the regulation of clinical laboratories and the licensing of clinical laboratory technologists and technicians.

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18. Recommended that the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians' Service adopt a revised fee schedule that will provide a general increase in fees.

19. Authorized the President to appoint a committee consisting of nine members to cooperate with him in developing a public relations program.

20. Requested the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians' Service to submit to the House of Delegates at its midyear meeting its recommendations concerning prepayment medical care plans for farm groups, individuals, railroad employees and certain wards of the State of Oregon.

21. Recommended to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Physicians' Service that in the revised fee schedule now in course of preparation no fee be less than the fee provided for the same service in the fee schedules of other agencies and organizations in the State.

22. Voted that the report of the Committee on charges for Life Insurance Examinations be adopted and submitted to the House of Delegates, at its midyear meeting, as the report of the Council.

23. Authorized the combined Committees on Maternal Welfare and Child Health to provided extra-mural refresher courses in obstetrics and pediatrics, financed by federal funds.

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27. Authorized the President to appoint a committee of three members to study and report on the high school student and employees medical benefit plan of the Oregon High School Activities Association.

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29. Adopted the following recommendations of the Committee on Public Relations:

1. That the executive secretary be designated as Director of Public Relations.

2. That the Committee be granted an appropriation of approximately $250.00 per month, but not to exceed $500.00 per month, for the remainder of 1947.

3. That the University of Oregon Medical School be requested to revise its course in medical economics to include public relations.

30. Voted that the fifty paid tuitions offered by the Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society for the refresher course in cancer at the University of Oregon Medical School be allotted among the component societies on the basis of their respective memberships.

31. Authorized the Committee on Public Policy to stimulate a number of physicians to offer themselves as candidates for the 1949 Legislature.

32. Adopted the following resolution for presentation by the Oregon Delegates at the 1947 Session of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

WHEREAS; The Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, through the establishment of standards for hospitals and their perodic inspection, has contributed materially to the development of high-type hospital service and proficient professional care in hospitals; and

WHEREAS; The American College of Surgeons has also established hospital standards and carries on periodic inspections; and

WHEREAS; The American College of Surgeons, representing, as it does, the surgical specialties, has placed

primary emphasis upon that phase of medical service in hospitals; and

WHEREAS; The interests of the public and the medical profession as a whole are best served by the establishment and enforcement of standards which give due weight to all the various phases of medical service by an agency which represents all aspects of medical practice. THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED; That the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals be authorized and directed to review the various existing forms of hospital standardization and, in cooperation with the constituent state medical associations, promulgate and enforce new and up-to-date standards that reflect the needs of all phases of medical service and professional care in hospitals.

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34. Invited the President of the Women's Auxiliary to attend its meetings.

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36. Approved an agreement between the Society and the Oregon Physicians' Service setting forth the relations between the members of the Society and the Oregon
4420 Physicians' Service, whose relations are not defined in existing or subsequent agreements between component county or district societies and the Oregon Physicians' Service, and authorized the President and the Secretary to sign this agreement in behalf of the Society.

37. Referred to the Committee on Postgraduate Education the question of providing instruction in internal medicine and surgery in conjunction with the refresher course in obstetrics and pediatrics financed by federal funds.

38. Referred to the Committee on Charitable Medical Care the question of the compensation of physicians for services rendered to clients of the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission.

39. Accepted the invitation of the Farm Foundation to participate in the rural health institute at Portland in September, and designated W. J. Weese, Chairman of the Committee on Rural Medical Service, as the representative of the Society at this institute.

40. Designated Ralph E. Purvine, representative of the Society on the State Joint Committee on Health and

Physical Fitness, as the representative of the Society at the forthcoming Conference on the Cooperation of the Physician in the School Health and Physical Education program to be held on October 16-18 at the Hotel Moraine, Highland Park, Illinois.

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42. Authorized the President to appoint a Committee on Crippling Diseases and Defects to consist of three members to serve as a liaison agency between the Society and official agencies and voluntary organizations interested in this field.

43. Voted to invite Edward F. Stegen, Associate Administrator of the National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Service, to address the House of Delegates at the 1947 Session.

This summary indicates the wide range of questions considered by the Council and the judicious manner in which these questions were dealt with.

In conclusion, your Secretary desires to express his sincere appreciation of the splendid cooperation he has received from the officers, Councilors, committee members, the officers of the component societies, and the membership generally.

THOMAS S. SAUNDERS,
Secretary

It was voted that this report be adopted.

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4421 During the six months' period, $348.28 was earned on invested securities and savings accounts. The cash balance in the savings accounts on June 30, 1947, was $69.21, as against $7,349.70 on June 30, 1946. This decrease was due to the purchase in May 1947 of $7,900.00 in U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G.

Invested Funds

In May 1947, $2000.00 of U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, were purchased out of funds in the General Fund savings account. The invested funds of the General Fund on June 30, 1947, consisted of securities which cost $6,565.95 and whose market value on August 28, 1947 was $6,445.16.

In May 1947, $7,900.00 of U.S. Savings Bonds, Series G, were purchased out of funds in the Contingency Fund savings account. The invested funds of the Contingency Fund on June 30, 1947 consisted of securities which cost

be instructed, in the near future, to reconsider the fees for these services and to renegotiate with the Commission concerning them.

At 8:45 a.m., it was voted to adjourn until 7.00 a.m., on Friday, September 5.

Second Session

Friday, September 5

The House of Delegates was called to order by Speaker Blair Holcomb at 7:00 a. m., in the Blue Room of the Hotel Multnomah.

On roll-call, following members of Council were present:

Stanley Lamb, President; L. M. Spalding, Past-President; James C. Hayes, President-Elect; J. E. Buckley, First Vice-President; Max W. Hemingway, Third Vice-President; Thomas S. Saunders, Secretary; Cecil J. Ross, Treasurer; Blair Holcomb, Speaker of the House of Delegates; Charles P. Wilson, Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates; Councilors Frank R. Menne, J. Milton Murphy, R. Wayne Esperson, W. J. Weese, Leslie S. Kent, and Charles N. Holman; and Edward H. McLean and Raymond M. McKeown, Delegates to the American Medical Association.

The following delegates were present:

Roger Biswell of Baker, Baker County Medical Society; J. D. Rankin of Coquille, Coos and Curry County Medical Society; A. N. Johnson of Roseburg, Douglas County Medical Society; L. D. Inskeep of Medford, Jackson County Medical Society; M. E. Corthell of Grants Pass, Josephine County Medical Society; E. D. Lamb and G. A. Massey of Klamath Falls, Klamath County Medical Society; W. H. Chapman of Eugene, Lane County Medical Society; Lyle M. Bain of Albany, Linn County Medical Society; F. K. Power and Gussie A. Niles of Salem, Marion-Polk Medical Society; Robert T. Boals of The Dalles, Mid-Columbia Medical Society; Carl G. Ashley, Wilbur M. Bolton, Morris L. Bridgeman, E. Murray Burns, E. G. Chuinard, Ira E. Gaston, Charles E. Gurney, Roger H. Keane, Kenneth P. Lancefield, Gordon B. Leitch, Leo J. Meienberg, Luther T. Nelson, Forrest E. Rieke, and R. H. Swinney of Portland, Multnomah County Medical Society; J. P. Brennan of Pendleton, Umatilla County Medical Society; Edwin G. Kirby of La Grande, Union County Medical Society; A. O.